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From The Desk Of The Editor

EDITORIAL

Throughout the ages, back to our beginnings, the shofar has been used, and it may be the first wind instrument used by man. It is a hollow ram's horn, and has been used in secular and religious ways. In recent Jewish history it has been used to herald the New Year, Rosh Hashonah. Modern Jews seek spiritual meaning in its sound.

The sound of the shofar on Rosh Hashonah 5741 will echo cries of hostages and political refugees, as well as the hopes of free people to bring an end to terrorism and cruelty which engulf the world. Each new year brings hope for the future. This year may bring freedom to some, disaster to other areas of our world. Every individual and government, government being composed of peo-

ple, shares in shaping the future. The condition of the world is caused by people, their action and inaction. We need to be informed and concerned, since each of us is affected by the condition of humanity and the physical world we inhabit.

The Jewish people have always worked and fought for the cherished democratic and philanthropic ideals taught by our prophets for the benefit of mankind. Jews have contributed to society in every country in which they have lived, whenever they were permitted to thrive. Judaism seeks to improve the general welfare of society through the way of life prescribed for the individual.

While we shall continue to be concerned with the universal cause, as American Jews, let us

be especially mindful of Jewish problems. It behooves us to recognize our responsibility to Klal Yisroel and to support those movements which are dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of Jewish life.

Estelle Hoffman

In the June issue, Herman Blumenthal, our Publisher, promised to initiate efforts to improve this publication, inviting suggestions and constructive criticism of its readers. Elsewhere in this issue, there is a specific invitation to participate in our

printed substance by submitting your letters. Request for your subscription is hereby repeated, and if you have not done so, will you kindly complete this application and send it with your check to the address below. To enable us to serve you, it is necessary to increase the number of our subscribers in order to offset rising costs of publication.

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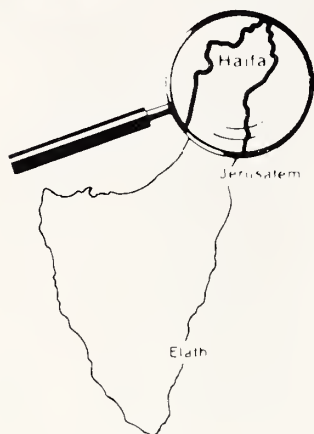
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Inside Israel:



ISRAEL'S BEST KNOWN PERSONALITY

by Carl Alpert

(Editor's Note: Mr. Alpert is on vacation. In his absence we are republishing the following which he wrote ten years ago.)

HAIFA—I introduce to you a genuine V.I.P. This personality is not a member of the Israel Cabinet and not the editor of any Israel newspaper, yet he is the Israeli who is most widely quoted abroad. Thousands of persons who have visited the country cite his views and opinions to their friends upon their return home. Obviously he is a person of importance.

He is the leading authority on the present military situation; the most knowledgeable Israeli with respect to economic problems; the most erudite scholar on Jewish history and archeology. He is not a university professor, yet the broad range of his knowledge enables him to propose practical solutions for many of the most difficult problems which face Israel today.

Obviously he draws upon a background of broad personal experience. He spent time in the Nazi concentration camps of Europe and first came to Israel as a young boy aboard one of the illegal ships. His military experience has been comprehensive.

He was with the tank corps in the Sinai campaign of 1956, and again in 1967. In the latter year he also managed to see action during the final days of the conquest of the Golan Heights.

Few men know the physical Israel as well as he. Not a village or colony, not a road or historical site is unknown to him. Further, he is familiar with the country's resources like a trained geologist. He can speak of the crops like a horticulturist; can quote Bible like a learned rabbi; can analyze the integration and assimilation problems of the diverse population groups like a sociologist.

He is a pleasant, persuasive person who makes friends easily. It is difficult to believe he does not possess a degree in psychology.

There are some who say he has a way with the girls. Women are frequently attracted to him, but no scandal attaches to it.

He has good commercial instincts and obviously would have been highly successful as a merchant had he chosen to follow that line. I have heard it alleged that he sometimes makes commercial capital of his connections, but it is also true that nobody ever got cheated because of him. So what if he does earn a little extra on the side? He too has a family to support.

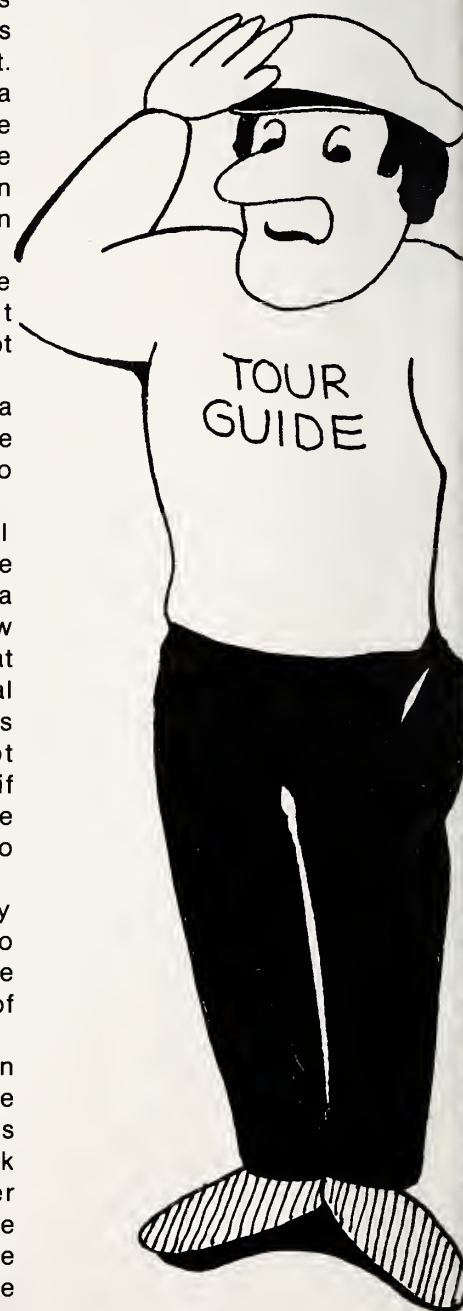
His profession is carefully regulated by the Government to ensure that highest standards are maintained. There is a tradition of honor and he is true to it.

Lest you think that he is only an intellectual, I hasten to add that he is also uncannily adept with his fingers. He can repair a stuck motion picture camera or tinker successfully with a carburetor. He has also been known to diagnose mild ailments and to prescribe miracle cures—without actually practicing medicine, of course.

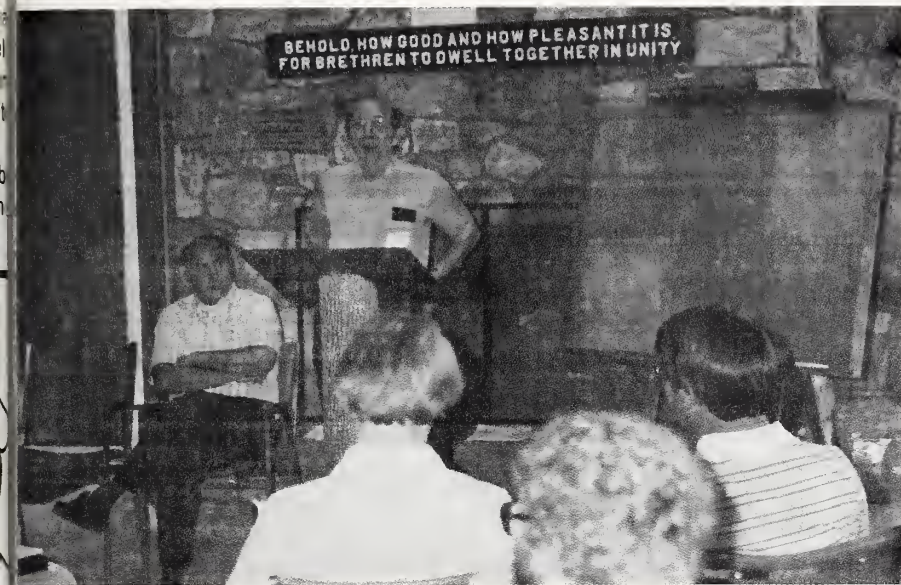
Except for Moshe Dyan and Abba Eban and one or two others,

he probably has more personal friends overseas than other Israeli. They look for him and ask for him on their successive return visits to the country.

If you haven't recognized him by now, then please meet: The Israel Tourist Guide.



Kibbitzing—Community News



Rabbi Sol Bernards, A.D.L., NYC, introduces Dr. Steven Katz, Jewish/Christian Seminar held this summer.

JEWISH/CHRISTIAN SEMINAR

by Al Ostrow

Hineh Ma Tov uma naim shevet achim gam yachad. How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.

This was the theme and the spirit of the Academic Seminar on Jewish/Christian relations held at Wildacres, North Carolina. Co-sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and the Department of Interfaith Witness of the Southern Baptist Convention, the 40 participants included Christian and Jewish clergymen, seminary and college faculty, and lay religious workers.

The presentations by Jewish and Baptist scholars outlined the historical background of Jewish/Christian relations. The presentations and discussions which followed gave a clearer insight into contemporary problems and concerns.

Informal workshops provided an

opportunity to explore each others' practices and ideology, not in a spirit of challenge, but in a sincere effort to explain and to understand. It was surprising how much each did not know about the others' beliefs.

One hopes that the knowledge gained and the rapport established will receive wide dissemination. More such seminars with even larger participation can do much to improve Jewish/Christian relations.

Among those attending the conference from Virginia and North Carolina were: Mr. Robert Posner and Mr. Bob Prigoff, Asheville; Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Fish, Portsmouth; Mr. R. Tom Greene and Dr. Ernest Upchurch, Raleigh; Mr. Wendell Guerry, Morganton; Dr. Robinson James, Mr. and Mrs. Al Ostrow, and Mr. Norman Olshansky, Richmond; Dr. Howard V. Pendley, III, Bedford.

B'NAI SHALOM SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL Greensboro, North Carolina

by Ronnie Kutchei

Here, at B'nai Shalom Synagogue, we are busy gearing up for another school year. 1980-81 looks promising as we move forward with our staff to improve our curriculum in both Judaic and General studies and to provide exciting experiences for our children and their families.

Our school year began for the children on August 25th when we greeted about 60 eager students in the four-year-old kindergarten through the sixth grade. Hugs, kisses, excitement and sharing of summer experiences filled the first two days, and it was difficult to settle down to work. However, since we emphasize the fun of learning, everyone settled down as we enthusiastically received and introduced our new family members; children and staff.

We would like to introduce our faculty to you, dear readers, to enable you to share in our enthusiasm for the coming year:

Mrs. Lynne Garber Bradshaw comes to us from Charlotte via UNC-G where she received her B.A. in Early Childhood Education. Her degree and her extensive Judaic background helped her integrate, in an exciting and creative way a total program for our K-4.

Ms. Leslie White, who teaches our Kindergarten class, was born and brought up in Virginia and graduated from Guilford College in Greensboro with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Leslie is our Artist "in residence", exploring new horizons with our eager Kindergarteners. With the

children, she is also having fun rediscovering her Jewish roots.

Ms. Joan Outland is responsible for General studies in grades one through three. She was born in Harbinger, N.C. and received a degree in Education from UNC-Wilmington. Joan has had extensive teaching experience and is committed to the educational and personal welfare of every child.

Mrs. Karol Neufeld is responsible for General Studies in grades four through six. Karol was born in Kentucky, received a B.A. in Chinese Studies from Brown University and an M.A. in Elementary Education from The University of Michigan. Karol is a published poet and a creative, exciting teacher.

Mr. Lyn Labell, "The Man" of our family is one of those rare people in our community who were born and brought up in Greensboro. Lyn received a degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and did graduate work in Education at UNC-G. He is responsible for Math throughout the school and for some science and social studies in the upper grades. Lyn is our violinist and chassidic philosopher. To the children, he is "warm fuzzies" personified.

Mrs. Sharon Shugar is returning to the school as our very able secretary and the faculty's right hand. All of us welcome her back with joy.

Making up our Hebrew/Judaica staff are our community faithfuls *Mrs. Flora (Cookie) Cohen* and *Mrs. Ruth Schreiber Green* and two exciting community additions *Mrs. Susan Cook* and *Ms. Liat Gershon*. Cookie Cohen comes to us from Chicago and Israel and has attended a combined B.A. program in Hebrew/Judaica at Northeastern Illinois University and Spertus College of Judaica. Her sense of humor and devotion to the children as well as her knowledge and experience in Hebrew are an asset to the school. Cookie, in her "spare time", teaches Sunday

School and is the wife of Victor Cohen, Education Director at Temple Emanuel.

Ruth Schreiber Green was born in Albany, N. Y. and received a degree in Psychology from SUNY at Albany. She also attended the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for one year. Ruth brings warmth and loyalty to her job and is thoroughly involved with the children. This busy lady also teaches at Beth David Religious School, is an advisor to Kadima youth group and is the wife of Steve Green, Education Director at Beth David Synagogue.

Susan Cook and her family have just moved to Greensboro from Rochester, N.Y. to open a much looked-forward-to Bagel Factory. Susan holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from State University College at Buffalo, N.Y. and has extensive experience in Jewish Education. She is an exciting, sensitive and creative person and will be responsible for some of our Judaic Studies. Rochester's loss is definitely Greensboro's gain. We welcome Susan and her family and wish them well.

Liat Gershon was born in N. Y. to Israeli parents. She graduated *cum laude* from SUNY at Albany with a B.A. in Anthropology and Judaic Studies and holds a Master's degree in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in N.Y. Liat has been busy in Israel this summer collecting interesting materials for school. We are delighted to accept her to our B'nai Shalom family.

Ronnie Kutchei, our Director, is continuing her association with the school. She was born in Israel where she received her elementary and high school education, attended the University of Buffalo and holds a B.A. and M.S. from UNC-G. Ronnie is busy planning a full year for the children, parents and faculty at B'nai Shalom.

The entire faculty is pleased with our leadership and looks forward to working with new Board of

Directors, the Education Committee, and the Parent Association. The Board will be led this year by James Adelman, *President*; Lee Kabat, David Kaplan and Stephen Mackler, *Vice-Presidents*; Nat Shaffir, *Treasurer*; Alan Bardy, *Financial Secretary*; Harmon Feig, *Recording Secretary*; Board members - Meredith Arkin, Gerald Baggish, Janice Hyman, Merryl Shaffir, Irving Pinsker, Ronald Green, Naomi Kaplan, Sharon Kaiser, Frank Nelson, Polly Strasser and Michael Ende. Chairman, Education Committee. The Concerned Parent-Teacher Association will be led by Polly Strasser, *President*; Linda Baggish, Merryl Shaffir, Janice Hyman, *Vice-Presidents* and Suzanne Katz, *Secretary*.

With such a winning team on our side, B'nai Shalom can only grow and continue to develop as it maintains its high standards in Education and Jewish Living for its entire Family.

B'nai Shalom Synagogue Day School is always open to the community and welcomes all visitors.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

by Lee Lewin

July ushered in with a picnic sponsored by the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary of Agudas Israel Congregation. Laura and Mike Diamond did their usual good job of chairing this event. It was again held at Lake Julian and was very well attended. There were lake activities as well as bingo, a community sing, and various card games going on. Something for everybody was the theme and everybody had a good time.

The regular Brotherhood meeting was held, and at that time the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Ben Newell; *Vice-President*, Frank Sandler; *Secre-*

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tary, Max Provda; *Treasurer*, Egon Timfold, and *Director*, Mike Diamond.

We wish them all a happy and successful year. The program for this meeting was presented by the Senior cabins and staff of Camp Judea, which is located near Hendersonville. The young campers and their counselors brought with them a varied program of readings, songs and dances of Israel, but much more they came with a vibrant and joyous spirit which was transmitted to and appreciated by the audience.

We wish to extend a Mazel Tov to Flossie and Sammy Williams on the marriage of their son, Sidney, to Susan David. Also to Ethel and Harry Fritz, first-time grandparents of a baby boy. Another Mazel Tov to new baby Kathy Elizabeth Mann, to the new grandparents Harriet and Philip Mann and Dory and Hal Meyers, and parents Joanne and Bernard Mann. And again, Mazel Tov to new baby Marcy Joy David, the new grandparents Edith and Stanley Segal, and parents Cindy and Mike David. Both babies were named at services on July 11th.

There are many interesting things still in the works which will be reported next time. In the meantime, enjoy the summer.

STATESVILLE

by Mrs. Ben Katz

This has been a month to remember, best for the weather but even more so, for the continued and concerned attendance at Friday evening services where we have worshipped together, gathered for a light Oneg Shabbat, and the best time of the week to ask for others and to be together to end one week and start another. The community was on the go for the weekend of the Fourth and they were: Barry Goldsteins on Blowing Rock to visit with Kar-

en's parents; Evelyn and Daniel Rodberg flying to California to visit son Richard now working and living in Palo Alto; also attending the wedding of Deborah Cohen the week prior were the Leonard Polks who then went on to Baltimore to visit with a sister of Len's; the Morton Geens went to Asheville and surrounding areas as did the Saul Gordons whose daughter Susan went to Indianapolis, Indiana to visit with a friend; Karen Goldstein went on to New York for business and a bit more pleasure; Joanne Rosenfeld accompanied her daughter Janet to Suzuki Violin Camp and were then joined by daughter Robyn and husband Larry for a trip to the Great Smoky Mountains; the Howard Adlers also chose the mountains for a short rest; Dr. Fred Marks, wife Mary and daughter Marilyn had been to Myrtle Beach, and Russell Winthrop went to camp outside Atlanta; the Ben Katz' joined by Rose Gruenhut journeyed to attend the Bat Mitzvah of Tracy Taratoot, granddaughter and daughter of Gerry and Bubba T. of Dunwoody, Georgia. Also attending the simcha were the Katz' son Mark, and older son Jeff and his wife Laurie, in addition, Bea's brother Sy Kaplan of Akron, Ohio attended with his wife Charlotte. Enjoying the Friday service, the Saturday service, reception and evening's "Deli" informal were Rose's children, Stephen and Elaine Gruenhut and their sons, Michael and Jeffrey, and attending a medical meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia, Dr. Cecil Ram accompanied by his wife Judy. Mark Gordon home for weekends from University of Georgia with a friend also studying there, and with Bea and Ben Katz, their daughter Gerry for her sixteenth reunion of her high school class, her husband, and their daughters, Andrea and Rachel.

Visiting here in Statesville have been: daughters of Joseph and

Selma Sussman, Wendy of New Jersey and Janet of Boston, Massachusetts; Fred Marks' brother Jeffrey of Florida and his wife's sister Kathy, and making for a spontaneous but lovely Oneg Shabbat following a special service were the parents of Shelley Starman Onsrud, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Starman of Framington Hills, Michigan, their other two daughters and a niece and nephew; also attending was Shelley's husband Tommy, and hosts for the evening were the Rams and the Katz'.

Working and playing are: Herbie Ram, remaining at Blue Star Camp in Hendersonville while Robyn Rosenfeld joined him there for the second session; Richard Gordon attending second session on UNC-CH in preparation for transfer from Catawba to Chapel Hill, Mark Marks now working at Davis Hospital, and Lauren Adler doing a summer apprenticeship in Public Relations and Advertising for Epley Associates of Charlotte.

Our condolences to Evelyn Rodberg on the loss of her brother, Herbert, and our wishes that all who mourn, be comforted by the good left behind!

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

Wedding of Susan David to Sidney Williams

Susan Heron David and Sidney Nathan Williams, both of Hendersonville, were married July 13, at 5:30 P.M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kaplan, aunt and uncle of the groom. The ceremony was conducted by Billy Bagenstos, magistrate.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robert David of Haywood Road, Hendersonville. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams, Florida Avenue, Hendersonville.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She chose a wedding

gown of organza with empire waistline and a lace-trimmed yoke with stand-up collar. Lace trimmed the long illusion sleeves and her organza veil which had seed pearl trim. The bridal bouquet was of daisies and baby's breath. She was attended by Mrs. Paul (Deborah) Smith of Raleigh, a college roommate, as matron of honor. She wore a dusty pink crepe dress with capelet and carried a bouquet of pink carnations, daisies and baby's breath.

Daniel Lee Williams of Hendersonville was his brother's best man.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Etowah Valley Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of Clearwater (Fla.) High School and of Western Carolina University. She received a master's degree in library science from the University of Tennessee. She is employed as adult services librarian at Henderson County Public Library.

The bridegroom is a graduate of East Henderson High School and attended Isothermal Community College. He is employed as a freelance television news correspondent.

After a wedding trip to the Outer Banks, the couple will reside in Hendersonville.

TEMPLE BETH EL

The annual retreat at Wild- acres—with Rabbi Krantzler as leader, Sally Schrader as coordinator, and Gail and Marvin Bienstock in charge of planning—was, as expected, a marvelous blending of ages, enjoying the many facets of such a weekend.

"The Jewish Connection" was the theme: connection with Jewish values, the Torah and Israel. Each session discussed (in smaller groups) and then shared their views.

The lighter side: the Oneg Shabbat given by Lee and Alan Blumenthal for Herman and Anita

Blumenthal in honor of their 36th anniversary; the cocktail party at the Blumenthal home; the entertaining Big Show by the babysitters; the lovely mime of the Sacrifice of Isaac with Amy and Marc Huberman, Darcy Bienstock and Jodi Mond. Given at sunset, this lovely presentation was conceived and narrated by Anne Yudell.

Enlivening the dog days of August were the celebrations of the Bat Mitzvah of Missy Sutker, daughter of Judy and Steve Sutker, and the Bar Mitzvahs of Scott James, son of Toni and Clarence James, and Neil Kornhauser, son of Zelda and Mark Kornhauser.

NORTH CAROLINA HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE

by Rose Massachi

The following people have been elected as officers of the Board of Directors for the 1980-81 school year:

President: Dr. Stephen Fishman

Vice President: Donald Tepper

Secretary: Lois Schneider

Treasurer: Robert Bernhardt

Chairpersons for the various committees will be:

Finance: Donald Tepper

Education: Sue Brodsky and
Doris Bernstein

Spring Event: Mel Berzack

Raffle: Arlene Shapiro


Buildings & Grounds: Michael

Shapiro and Mark Weinglass
Recruitment: Sue Brodsky
Publicity: Dr. Saul Brenner

Everyone looks forward to working with the new Director, Raphael Panetz, who has recently arrived in Charlotte. He has been busy planning for the coming year and becoming acquainted with the community. He recently said, "I have been very impressed by the warmth and devotion of the parents at the school. It's something I feel very much every day."



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THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH WOMEN

by Francine Schauer

The North Carolina Association of Jewish Women would like to keep our membership informed about what is happening in and around our state.

The North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations, of which we are a member, is holding a fall forum to consider "Priorities in Social Legislation—1981". It will be held November 8th, at Cates Continuing Education Center, Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kay Holoman, Box 532, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

The North Carolina Legislature has passed the Adult Protective Services Law to protect disabled adults from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Unfortunately, too many people are not aware of the serious problems facing more than 874,000 North Carolina disabled adults. It is essential that we keep alert to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of any adult who is not able to help themselves and report it immediately to the county department of social services. Even if we only suspect that abuse, neglect, or exploitation is happening, we must be ready to report this information. This report can be a telephone call, a letter, or a personal visit to the department of social services in our county. Your name will be kept confidential unless otherwise requested. For more information, pamphlets, or posters, please contact: Ms. Alice Corbett, c/o Division of Social Services, 325 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The following is an ad by J. B.

Stoner which appeared on local television in Atlanta, Georgia on July 22, 1980. It also was telecast on cable television in Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Billions of victims of poverty in the backward countries are having a population explosion. They want to become refugees from poverty.

The Jews plan to flood America with millions of refugees so as to reduce America to poverty forever.

Vote to stop this refuge invasion by voting to free America from Jewish domination.

Stand up for America. Vote for America first by voting for J. B. Stoner for the U.S. Senate."

It is essential that we as Jewish American women inform our neighbors, regardless of their religion, how dangerous a man like J.B. Stoner is to America. This man's history of hate goes back to the early 1940's. At that time he was active in the Ku Klux Klan and helped organize the Christian Anti-Jewish Party in Georgia. In an interview in the *Atlanta Constitution*, July 5, 1946, Stoner said that Hitler had been too moderate and that the goal of his party was "to make being a Jew a crime punishable by death".

J. B. Stoner, as an attorney, has been actively supporting the cause of the KKK and other radical movements.

As a candidate for political office J. B. Stoner has increased the number of votes received in an election from several hundred in 1948 to 71,000 in 1974. J. Q. Purcell, ADL director of the Civil Rights Division, states, "J. B. Stoner maybe one of the most unabashed bigots this country has ever produced, and yet his constituency has grown with time."

J. B. Stoner will, hopefully, soon face a trial in the 1958 bombing of a black church.

It is up to us, as individuals, to write to our local cable television

company to complain about this type of blatant bigotry. So long as he does not profess violence, the stations say he has a right to pay for TV time. Perhaps we can convince the stations otherwise.

The North Carolina Association of Jewish Women is working hard to keep our membership aware and informed. We have this essential service to perform along with our support of Judaism in North Carolina. We ask for your support by joining the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. Please send your check for ten dollars, (or seven-fifty if you are 65 or older), to our Treasurer, Mrs. Yetta Leder, P. O. Box 637, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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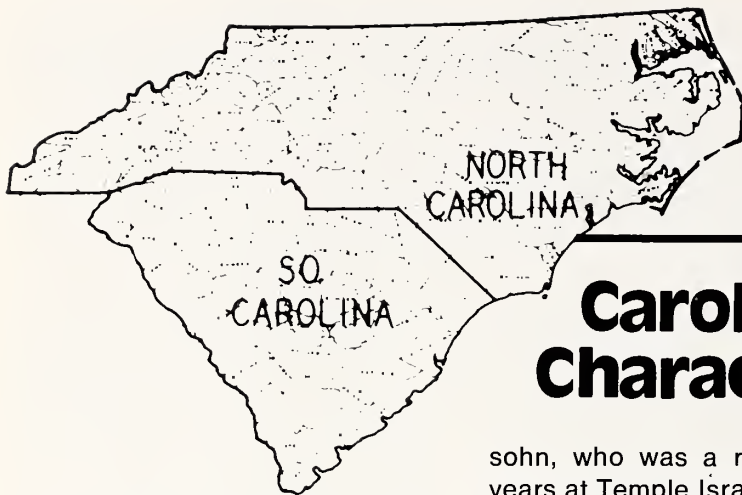
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RABBI SAMUEL A. FRIEDMAN

by Estelle Hoffman

Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman is retiring from the rabbinate. Asheville, North Carolina, has been his home for the past fifteen years, during which he occupied the pulpit of Congregation Beth Israel. His versatility has enabled him to serve as Rabbi, cantor, teacher, reader of the Torah, and mohel.

He was born in Jerusalem, and his family was forced to leave Palestine when he was three years old, during the war between Great Britain and Turkey, because his father was a British subject, due to previous residence in South Africa. The Friedman family went to Egypt, and lived three years in Alexandria. In 1917 they came to America, where he quickly learned the language and completed his general education. When he graduated from college, he was unable to enter medical school, as he had planned, because the Great Depression had damaged his father's finances. He decided to follow the tradition of his family, in which the firstborn son in each generation had become a rabbi. After studying for the rabbinate for six years in this country, he attended the seminary in Israel.

He served as Rabbi for ten years in Massachusetts and New Jersey. Only Dr. Moses Mendle-

sohn, who was a rabbi for forty years at Temple Israel in Wilmington exceeds the record of Rabbi Friedman in North Carolina. Before his tenure of fifteen years in Asheville, Rabbi Friedman served twenty years in Wilmington. His retirement finds him far from the little stone house in Jerusalem in which he was born.

An orthodox Jew, Rabbi Friedman observes the dictates and traditions of orthodoxy strictly. He is an authority on Jewish dietary laws, and he walks the two miles from his home to synagogue on the Sabbath, also returning on foot, adhering to the law. Although he has not wavered in his observance, he is liberal towards other Jews, and asserts that he harbors no feelings of bigotry or prejudice. His views follow the orthodox tradition, and he chooses to adhere to the letter of the laws of Torah, but he recognizes the changing attitudes in Judaism. He said, "Religious institutions are changing, and Judaism is included as well as the Christian religion. The opulent, the affluent are becoming the power structure. the educator, the moralist is slowly being reduced."

"When the Jew remained in the ghetto, with its distasteful physical conditions and persecution, his spiritual side was strengthened. Where the Jew has been received at first class citizen in open societies, it has broadened his horizons, and he has become more attuned to cultural change.

He adopts the customs of the country. If a religious atmosphere prevails, then he turns to his own faith. If not, he turns otherwise."

"So the Jew turns slowly from orthodoxy, but I cannot. And one of my reasons for having to leave Asheville is a need to be ministered to. All my career, I have tried to impart religion and God to others. Now, in my remaining few years, I want it to be the other way around. We're supposed to pray every day with a quorum of ten men. We don't have them here. I want an environment of more spiritual life. I need to be ministered to." He has been completely dedicated to his work, spending little time thinking of a retirement location. He is uncertain where he will go.

His residency in Asheville has been the longest of his life in any house. His tenure at Beth Israel Congregation is the longest in the history of that congregation. For many years he has been a consultant to "Dear Abby" on Jewish matters. He has a great interest in American sports, and believes that they are beneficial to spectators. He is co-founder, past president, and historian emeritus of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis. He has been awarded a lifetime membership in the Jewish Community Center of Asheville, and a lifetime membership of the Asheville Chapter of AARP. He has been honored by the Asheville-Buncombe Ministers' Fellowship for his years of faithful ministry in the community.

As he prepares for departure from Asheville, he is sad to leave. His hopes for the future of Asheville are that its air and water will be improved, and "keep the dogs

quiet at night." He concluded, seriously, "And one last thing, we should all remember that we should be our brother's keeper."

How We Arrived

HOW WE ARRIVED

My grandfather was a carpenter, a robust man,
Who studied Torah, an observant Jew.
He used to build log cabins in Lithuania,
But real estate developers were few.

The unromantic sounding name of Pushalot
Could have been my birthplace (what a name!)
If Grandfather had not tired of his poverty
And turned into the Litvak Yankee he became.

He came to seek his fortune in America
And left his wife and children fraught with fears.
Subsisting on the food their spot of land could grow,
They ate potatoes salted with their tears.

In his forties when he left the ship at Baltimore,
Unacquainted with the language of this land,
On foot he peddled tinware then, from door to door
To other settlers whom he learned to understand.

A traveler, returning from a visit to America,
Having met him, brought my Grandma little cheer.
"Wait with patience, wait with courage, praying still,
For the long awaited tickets to appear."

In time he brought his family to America,
To Chicago, where he plied his crafts on wood.
He carved a handsome altar for his synagogue,
As a skilled, devoted craftsman felt he should.

He imported brothers, sisters, all his relatives,
Who lived with him until they made their way.
There were others; the father of Jack Benny, I was told,
Dwelt with him for an undetermined stay.

He adopted politics and fashions of the U.S.A.
In that time one hundred years ago.
His deepest thoughts he kept within him, stern and sober.
He told us only what he thought we ought to know.

Vigorous throughout his eighty-seven years,
He never gained great heights of wealth or fame,
But he made his contribution to society,
And I am truly grateful that he came.

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Letters to the Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

I am looking for my older brother, FROIKA SHAPIRO, or his children.

Froika was born in SOMERDEK, KIEV GUBERNIA, RUSSIA, about the year 1904.

When Froika was born, his mother died. Mintsya Yablochnik took the baby. She fed Froika with her breast and raised Froika as her own child.

Froika's father married again and told Froika to call his wife "Mother". Froika did not want to do it. He went to Mintsya and continued to call her "Mother". After that, the Father took his family and went to America.

As a child, Froika left Russia (Somerdek) with his family, possibly in 1912 or 1914.

Froika sent letters, a photograph and money to his second mother, MINTSYA YABLOCHNIK, in Russia from America before the Second World War.

In 1941, I lost all my relatives and all papers about Froika. Now I don't know where Froika is with his family.

Please help me to find Froika Shapiro or his children. I am Mintsya's daughter.

My address is:

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A REALISTIC SOLUTION TO THE MID-EAST CRISIS

by Norman Wilner

The Jews should abandon Israel. It is, regrettably a lost cause. I am a passionate, non-believing Jew; that is to say, the religion to me is pure nonsense as are all religions; the tradition, the heritage lies deep in my very bones. I have been accused at times of

being a professional Jew, whatever that means.

Doubtless, I will be attacked and reviled by every Jew for voicing my rather controversial views, but I believe it is only common sense.

This is my solution. I weakly insist it is eminently realistic, as unrealistic as it sounds.

Let the Jews of Israel emigrate to Death Valley. What an appropriate name for the survivors of the Holocaust. They will, as they did in Israel, transform Death Valley into a garden. They will irrigate the arid soil, raise lush crops, vegetables. Cattle will graze peacefully.

The Jews will live in peace, untroubled by millions of fanatical Arabs whose Final Solution is the same as Hitler's. Total extermination. Doubtless, there will be gentiles in Nevada and the surrounding states hostile to the Jews but it is extremely unlikely they will swoop down upon them with jet fighters and tanks and flame throwers. We Americans are a law-abiding people. (I say this questioningly). The Jews in Death Valley will not be in constant fear of their lives. They will not be forced to spend millions for defense.

Now as to the realities of my proposed solution. How, legally, can we permit millions of Jews to emigrate lock, stock and kibbutz to Death Valley? We can and should change the Immigration Laws. Not out of the goodness of our hearts. Not out of idealism. Not out of pity and compassion for these harrassed and tortured people. No, we should do it because it will be good for our country.

How?

Some earnest statistician, more practiced than I in financial matters, can very easily calculate how

many untold millions of dollars United Jewish Appeal and similar organizations have poured into Israel. Plus the billions our own government has loaned the State of Israel. All that money will remain here, instead of going to a lost cause.

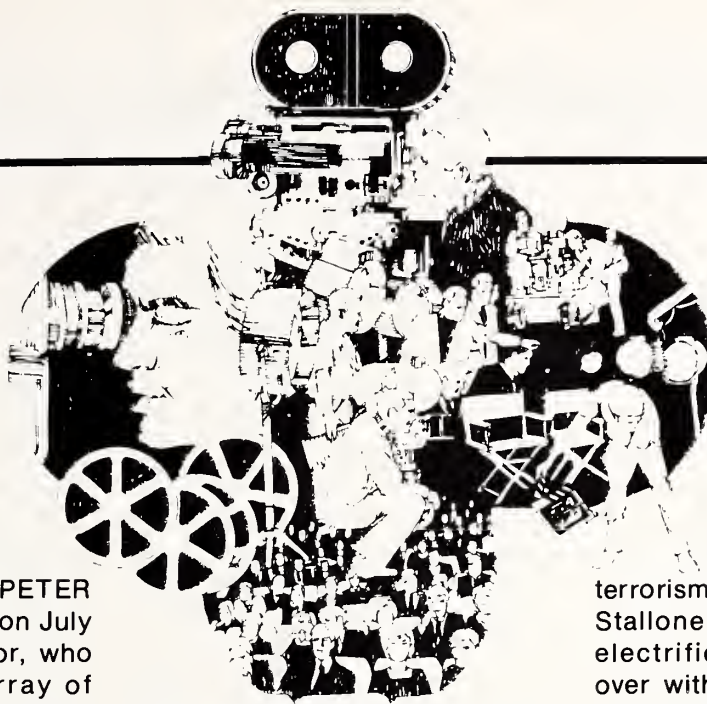
Another point if I may. Throughout history, wherever the Jews have gone, that country has prospered. The Jews are an industrious people. They work hard, they believe in education, they love art and literature and music. Not only will they help the American economy; they will be catalysts to our faltering arts and sciences.

Religious Jews will point the stern, accusing finger at me. What! they will say, abandon Jerusalem, the Holy City, the Wailing Wall, the land of our ancestors? Never! Better to die on your feet than live, grovelling on your knees or some such noble sounding claptrap.

I say, and others more expert than I, that it is only a question of time until these ignorant, fanatical Arabs eventually conquer the only democratic state in the entire Mid-East and wipe out every last Jew. The memory of Hitler will live on, triumphant. Does that make sense?

I think my proposal, as unrealistic as it sounds, makes more sense.





The brilliant career of PETER SELLERS came to an end on July 24th. The 54-year-old actor, who had portrayed a vast array of comical characters, accents and voices in roles that ranged from a wild nuclear scientist to that of a duchess, died in Middlesex Hospital in London a day after he was stricken with a heart attack, his third during the past 29 years. Sellers, who was born in Southsea, England, the son of Peg and Bill Sellers, traced his roots back to British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli and Daniel Mendoza, the Portuguese Jewish boxer who was England's bare knuckle champion. Sellers' mother was Jewish, but he was educated in a Catholic school.

His career culminated with an Academy Award nomination last spring for his role in "Being There". Just before he was stricken with the fatal heart attack, Sellers had completed the screen comedy "The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu" for producer Zev Braun in the studios of Paris, with Sid Caesar as his sidekick.

While Sellers co-directed the "Fu Manchu" epic, he was the co-author of the forthcoming "Romance of the Pink Panther", in which he planned to star in a new adventure of the bumbling Inspector Clouseau. He also was set to portray the central character in an updated version of Preston Sturges' classic, "Unfaithfully Yours", with Howard Zieff directing. Last, but not least,

Sellers was considering doing an essay on the role of Charlie Chaplin on the Broadway stage in a musical now in preparation.

MARTIN POLL, who recently returned from a trip to Israel and Europe, told this column that he has purchased, in conjunction with Capital Studios of Jerusalem, screen rights to the autobiography of Moshe Dayan either for a feature film production or for a network television series. Poll confirmed that he also is going ahead with an earlier project, "Bridges of October" (originally titled "Bridges of Suez") for which Harold Livingston currently is writing the screenplay. Basically a love story backgrounded against the Middle East, the story opens on the eve of the Yom Kippur War and the effects on the lives of both Israelis and Egyptians. It will be filmed with the full cooperation of Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat and commences photography towards the end of the year on locations in Israel, Egypt and France.

Veteran producer Poll, Academy Award winner for "The Lion in Winter", most recently completed in New York, London and Paris "Nighthawks", an adventure story dealing with international

terrorism and co-starring Sylvester Stallone with Rutger Hauer who electrified audiences the world over with his performance in the Dutch-made "Soldier of Orange", a picture reflecting the spirit of his people during the Nazi occupation of Holland. Poll currently is editing, "Nighthawks" at Universal Studios.

WALTER MATTHAU and Jack Lemmon co-star in MGM's "Buddy, Buddy", to be directed by Billy Wilder from a screenplay by Wilder and his long-time collaborator Iz Diamond. The forthcoming adventure comedy marks the third teaming of the trio of Lemmon, Matthau and Wilder, who were together for "The Fortune Cookie" (which won Matthau a 1966 Academy Award), as well as for the 1974 production of "The Front Page".

WOODY ALLEN currently is engaged as writer-director-star of a still unnamed comedy-drama with an undisclosed plot line. Robert Greenhut produces for Allen's team of Charles Joffe and Jack Rollins who were at the helm of his series of successful films. Britain's Charlotte Rampling, France's Marie-Christine Barrault, and Hollywood's Jessica Harper appear opposite Allen.

Concepts of Judaism

by Leo Hoffman

What are the meanings of Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur?

SELICHOT: It is customary to begin the recital of Selichot on Saturday at midnight, before Rosh Hashanah. The idea of a midnight service is based on Psalm 119:62, "At midnight I rise to praise thee." Selichot (penitential prayers) belong to the age of the Talmud. The liturgical poets for about fifteen centuries continued to enrich the Selichah literature, based on the biblical poetry of Psalms. These poets described the persecution and misery of our people, the saintly character of past generations, and wrote prayers for pardon and forgiveness. The Selichah prayer gives vent to the innermost feelings of the worshipper who sincerely repents and pleads for mercy.

ROSH HASHANAH: Since early times, Rosh Hashanah has been regarded as a day of reflection and repentance, concerned with the individual and his ideal way of life on earth. This Holy Day is characterized by special solemnity, when all mankind stands in judgment before the divine throne, to give strict account of deeds committed during the year and to receive the promise of mercy. The most prominent feature in the observance is the sounding of the Shofar. It consists of three distinctive notes, looked upon as a call to repentance. Serving as a reminder of the Shofar blasts at Mt. Sinai, they have been interpreted to call: "You who are asleep, awake! Examine your deeds and repent. Mend your ways; abandon your evil ways." The Shofar warns and stirs us to moral rehabilitation. The Shofar is a means of arous-

ing the conscience of the people, summoning them to self-judgment and self-improvement. The Shofar begins with short, plaintive sounds, and finishes on an encouraging triumphant note.

YOM KIPPUR: The Day of Atonement is the climax of the ten day period of repentance which begins with Rosh Hashanah. These days of reflection bring us the inspiring message that it is possible for human beings to improve their characters. They speak to us about our conscience and moral responsibility, about self-examination and spiritual regeneration. The idea of repentance is one of the bright gems in Jewish teaching. Man would be unfortunate, if he had no way to escape from sin. The optimistic spirit of Judaism teaches that man need not despair and lose faith in himself. The concept

of repentance and atonement has made the Jewish outlook on life one of cheerful confidence. The Hebrew term TESHUVAH for repentance signifies RETURN, and does not mean penance. Judaism demands an inner change and opposes other means of expiating sin. YOM KIPPUR brings pardon for sins between man and God, but does not bring pardon for sins between man and man, until one repairs the injury against his fellowman and wins pardon from the person wronged. Nothing can withstand the power of sincere repentance. MAY WE ALL BE INSCRIBED FOR A HAPPY YEAR.

(In this space we shall try to answer your questions concisely. Please submit your questions. They will be answered by professionals in related fields. Questions in any area of Jewish life will be accepted.)

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A Joint Planning Council to establish a department of Judaic studies has been created by Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The goal is to raise a fund of \$500,000 and eventually \$1,000,000, starting with an endowment fund which Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Evans of Durham intend to raise through requests to alumni of Duke University, the University of North Carolina, and also the Jewish Community of the southeast.

An assessment of present personnel at the two universities is being conducted, as well as their libraries and research material, so that the Council may determine the needs of its program for the future. Studies to be included are anthropology, archaeology, classics, history, languages, literature, and religion, as they relate to Judaic studies.

Ideas being considered include visiting speakers who will be Judaic scholars who will lecture and lead seminars, which will be open to interested residents of the area, as well as students and faculty. There will be opportunity for guests to hold conferences to read papers, with the possibility of their future publication. Library resources will be provided and made available to encourage study and research. It is hoped that visiting professors will be engaged to participate in conducting classes on campuses of both universities.

There are contacts with universities in Israel to organize an Exchange Program between students in Israel and those attending Duke University and the University of North Carolina. Another special program will sponsor archaeological digs in Israel, during which the students may learn

the language, history, and culture of the country.

This broad program is intended to be a serious effort in the academic world, with the ultimate establishment of a named professorship in Judaic Studies within the Department of Religion at Duke. The holder of this chair is to assist in plans and direction of the cooperative program. Additions to the faculties, provided by the fund, will strengthen the universities by creating an outstanding center for the study of Judaism, and will attract students and faculty from the entire world.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans are deserving of our gratitude and assistance in their commitment to this endeavor. Their leadership and the membership of the Joint Planning Council will motivate alumni

and interested residents of the area to insure the enactment of a vibrant Program in Judaic Studies in the near future.

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Dissolve yeast into warm water and sprinkle sugar over. Let stand until it begins to work, about 10 minutes.

III

¾ cup sour cream

2 eggs

Beat together until blended.

Mix I, II, and III, using hands. Dough should not be too sticky. If it is, add a little more flour. Form into 4 balls and wrap in wax paper to refrigerate, or it may be frozen until use.

When ready to bake, roll each ball to ¼" thickness and spread with the following: These amounts are sufficient for all 4 coffee cakes.

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1 cup raisins

¾ cup chopped nuts

cherry jam or other filling

cinnamon mixed with ½ cup brown sugar

Using pastry brush, spread melted butter first, then jam, and sprinkle with other filling. Roll as for jelly roll. Seal edges with moistened fingers. Place on greased cookie sheets and let

rise approximately 1 hour. This dough does not rise as high as bread. Bake in 375° oven for 18 minutes or until light brown. Remove from cookie sheets to racks and cool. Frost with this icing:

2 cups powdered sugar mixed with ½ cup milk (enough for 4 coffee cakes), or dust with powdered sugar. Cakes may be frozen after baking. Slice as strudel to serve.



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KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

By Don McEvoy

ON DISCOVERING FREEDOM . . .

I had to go to the Soviet Union to discover the meaning of freedom.

Please don't misunderstand. I did not find freedom in the Soviet system. To the contrary, I came away from my recent visit there convinced that the U.S.S.R. is one large prison camp.

But I met some of the most liberated human beings I have ever been privileged to know. They are the dissidents and refuseniks. They are those who have determined that they no longer are willing to go along with oppression, that they will not remain in rigid conformity. The spirit of freedom they radiate in their lives is incredibly inspiring.

I made a similar remark to one young Jewish refusenik. He is a man in his early thirties, father of three young daughters. He has not been permitted to work at his profession as a mathematician for half a decade, ever since he first made application to emigrate to Israel. I said, "Everyone in this country seems frightened except you and others like you. How can you go on the way you do, day by day, knowing that you can be arrested and imprisoned tomorrow?"

His answer was immediate and direct. "You are correct. Everyone else is afraid. Brezhnev is probably most frightened of all. The K.G.B. agents following us are afraid, but they are only doing their job. In

fact, I probably get more respect from them than they show toward anyone else. They can do whatever they choose with me, but I am not afraid. I know there is a higher Law in this world than the law of the Soviet government. Thus I am free of their power to intimidate."

To another, at the Synagogue in Moscow, I said: "I don't know how to deal with you. I came to Russia because you were oppressed and burdened, and I find you laughing and filled with joy. The woman to whom I was speaking grew serious. "Do you know our legend about the tax collector who found the people singing and dancing?"

When the Czar used to send his tax collector to the village it was a time of great sadness. But one year he arrived and found the villagers in celebration. Why are you happy, he asked. Because we have nothing left that you can take away!

The song "Me and Bobby McGee" has a line: "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose." I never understood that before. After meeting dissidents in Russia I am beginning to understand.

(Don McEvoy is Senior Vice President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The opinions expressed are his own.)

Analysis Of Chutzpah

'...It has its good side and it can be a powerful tool...'

by David Schwartz
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A goodly number of Yiddish words have been creeping into the English language. Among those likely to take out their citizenship papers and remain as *chutzpah*.

Chutzpah—the thing itself—has been in the world a long time and practiced everywhere, but perhaps the Jew, because of the desperateness of his position for 2000 years, without a home of his own, has been forced to get better acquainted with it.

We usually speak of chutzpah disparagingly, but it has its good side and it can be a powerful tool.

Some time back, Sen. Edmund Muskie (D. Maine) asked Golda Meir how she controlled her party. "By patience, tact and chutzpah," she answered. Muskie then asked Sen. Jacob Javits (R.N.Y.) what chutzpah was. Maybe he could buy a bottle of it in a grocery store. "When Governor Rockefeller the other day said the Long Island Railroad (habitually late) was the best run road in the country, that was chutzpah," replied Javits. But this illustration is hardly satisfying. Chutzpah is not simply gross exaggeration.

Chutzpah might be defined as gall, but gall suggests cruelty and meanness, and chutzpah is not necessarily mean. The recent incident in Entebbe which the Israelis pulled off was a piece of chutzpah, but it was far from mean. It was just the opposite and evoked the admiration of most of the world.

Chutzpah involves courage, but courage is usually thought of in austere terms. Chutzpah is often playful, often with a strong element of the comic in it.

The Yiddish sayings tell a good deal about chutzpah. A fellow kills his father and mother and then pleads for mercy on the grounds that he is an orphan. That is chutzpah.

If you spit in the face of a man with chutzpah, he says it is raining.

In Israel they tell the story of a man who wants to board the bus to Jerusalem. A long line of people are ahead of him. He goes to the head of the line.

"Excuse me, I have something," he says.

The fellow at the head of the line steps aside to let him get on first. In the bus, all the seats are taken. He approaches one man who is sitting.

"Excuse me," he repeats, "I have something."

The man who is sitting surrenders his seat.

They ride on. Then after a couple of minutes, the man who gave up his seat asks: "You said you have something. What have you?"

"I have chutzpah," is the reply.

Meyer Weisgal, to whom we largely owe the mammoth scientific research center in Israel, tells the story of a young fellow who was always making passes at girls. "Don't you get into hot water sometimes?" he was asked.

"Sure," was the response, "but you would be surprised how often it pays off."

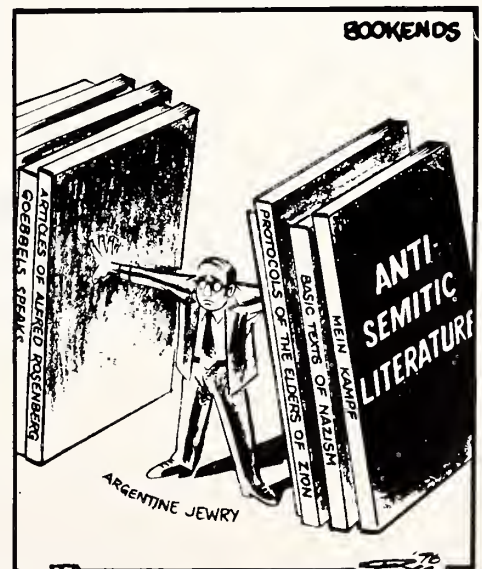
Some say Weisgal's own great achievements could not have

been possible without some chutzpah. A little girl in Israel swallowed a coin. The doctor could do nothing. "Send for Weisgal," someone suggested, "he can get money out of anyone."

A bashful man could not have built up the great Rehovot institution. "Chutzpah," said the rabbi of the Talmud, "is effective even against God."

"We are told," said the Gerer Rebbe, in the Ethics of the Fathers, "to avoid impudence and that shamefacedness is good, but what we think of as impudence may in reality be courage and shamefacedness may be simply melancholy."

Perhaps this would be a better world if we had more chutzpah. Nations today seem to think there is no safety but in piling up arms, but take a look back at history. Many of the great military nations are no more, but the Jew without arms has survived. The Americans in 1776 had less arms than the British. What they had was chutzpah. ☸



Jewish Women And The Organizations

"...They raise millions of dollars each year for Jewish causes..."

by Boris Smolar
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Jewish women's organizations in this country count at least 1,000,000 members. This is no small force in American Jewish communal life, considering that the total Jewish population in the United States—men, women and children—is below the 6,000,000 mark.

The importance of the Jewish women's organizations is usually seen in the fact that they raise millions of dollars each year for Jewish causes. Of equal importance, however, is the fact—often overlooked—that through the activities the women play a tremendous role in strengthening Jewish consciousness in their homes among the younger members of their families.

Every woman member of a Jewish organization—no matter what purpose the organization pursues—helps automatically to strengthen Jewish identity in her family. She comes home from meetings of her organization and shares her feelings with her

husband and children, thereby unconsciously implanting interest in Jewish life in the family. Often she discusses her organization with friendly Jewish neighbors whom she tries to attract to her group. She takes her membership extremely seriously. She is ambitious to excel in her activities for her organization.

Men who are active in Jewish organizations are also taking their duties very seriously. However, most of them are too busy with business interests to give too much of their time to communal work. They hardly find time to read the reports and literature which they receive from their organizations. Their interest with communal affairs expresses itself more through generous financial contributions than in devoting much of their time.

This is not the case with the women. Women read all the material they receive from the organizations to which they belong. They are like missionaries for their organizations in spreading the contents of this material. They constitute a huge army disseminating information and knowledge

on activities of Jewish interest. Indirectly they help to develop Jewish consciousness.

This aspect of their activities mostly passes unnoticed; it is overshadowed by the philanthropic aspect of their work. However, from the standpoint of the future of Jewishness in America, it is today important not less than the fund-raising which women do. Φ

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Welcoming the New Year: 5741

by Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler

Tradition tells that Rosh Hashonah celebrates the divine drama of creation. "Hayom harat olam—On this day did the world come into being."

Whether or not we take the Biblical story literally, the essential truth is stamped into our consciousness: the universe is no accident: it was the work of a conscious Creator—a world pregnant with meaning and purpose, endowed with the marvelous machinery of natural law.

And never more dramatically than at the change of seasons are we made aware of the inexorable cycle of the natural world. Rain-pattered and windswept, myriad leaves fall in crazy spiraling patterns—bright with gold, green, and rust-red, and the earth is covered with autumn leaves come to rest.

It is easy to understand how the regular march of the seasons, the predictable phases of the moon persuaded the ancients that all nature and all human life also follow set patterns determined by the gods on high, or by some irresistible fate. This is the essence of Greek tragedy: man is by nature a captive of forces beyond his control; he is ultimately helpless.

Our father Abraham, intuiting divine pattern overarching all natural phenomena, was the first radical." He preached a revolutionary doctrine: that all creation, including man, was NOT trapped forever in predetermined cycles, but rather that man, by his moral acts, could influence his own fate and that of human history.

This open-ended approach to life is central to Judaism. It breathes of hopefulness instead

of despair, of human possibilities and options, instead of sheer dumb fate.

We had better start taking Abraham seriously. It is man, not fate, who has dumped his garbage into the air and the waters. It is man who succumbs to greed and mindless nationalism; it is man who makes war. It is man who persecutes and kills his fellowman. It is man who perpetrates injustice and cruelty, not only towards enemies on the battlefield, but also towards wives, husbands, children and parents.

So, if the world is destroyed, as well it may be, we shall not have the comfort of the ancients who could blame it all on the capriciousness of the gods. We know that the monkey is on our own backs.

"Repentance, worship and acts of loving kindness may avert the evil decree."

I believe in the human enterprise, because I believe in God. What do you believe in?

May I wish you all a sweet and healthful New Year.

Poetry Corner

Remember, reconsider and repent, the Book of Judgment lies open, all deeds are counted one by one, as you stand before the King.

All hidden things are revealed to Him,
the righteous, the average, the evil,
his justice can be tempered with mercy,
he waits and waits for those who pray.

Ram's horn, trumpet, shofar
blasting,
proclamation, coronation,
Rosh Ha Shanah.

—Muriel Hoff
August 8, 1980

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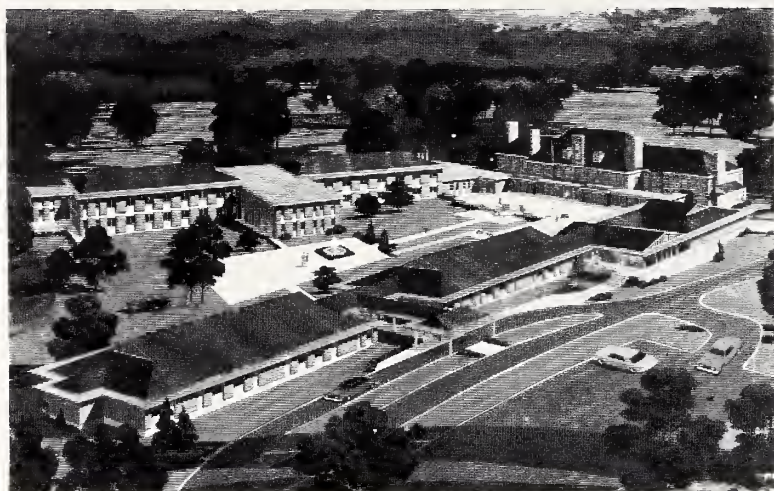
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HOME OBSERVES HIGH HOLY DAYS BOOK OF LIFE, YEAR 5741

by Elbert E. Levy,
Dir. of Planning and Development

The High Holyday Services are scheduled to take place in the Home as in past years. Family and friends of the Residents are invited to participate together in the annual rituals for all Jewry.

Services are scheduled to commence at the Home's Congregation "Chai" on the following days and times:

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed.	Sept. 10 .. 6:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Sept. 11 .. 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 12 .. 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Fri.	Sept. 19 .. 6:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 20 .. 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Jules J. Starolitz of Greensboro, who is most knowledgeable in Jewish Ritual, will bring us together during this period of celebration and observance. As we review the old year, with its disappointments and frustrations, during these Days of

Awe, we shall also see the new year dawn with a promise of change, opportunity and fulfillment. As the ritual proceeds, prayers seeking the inscription of our names in the Book of Life, and finally sealing these names in the Book of Life, are offered for all.

Join us during the Festival of Trumpets as we hear the Shofar herald the New Year, symbolizing God's summons to the people for self-adjustment.

L'Shana Tova Tikva Seinu.



Residents Hold Mini-White House Conference

by Jan Sawyer

Residents of the Home gathered together on two separate occasions to discuss some of the problems incurred by the aging process and by living in a long-term care facility. In the meetings, which were held in the Living Room, the Residents aired their

feelings about life in the Home with special emphasis on Residents' rights. There was, of course, a great difference of opinion about many of the issues, particularly those which dealt with the conflict between the needs of the individual and the needs of the institution.

When, if ever, does a Resident have the right to refuse certain medical treatment? How does one compromise when a Resident wants one thing while the Home's staff is only able to provide another? Although Residents are guaranteed by law the right to privacy, how do they achieve this privacy when they share rooms and space with other people? Should the Home provide Residents with opportunities to work and to earn money? What responsibilities does the Home have to its Residents? And what responsibilities do the Residents feel toward the Home?

As the Residents worked together to formulate resolutions about some of these problems, they were looking ahead to the NC White House Conference on Aging: Forum on Long-Term Care, which was held July 29 in Winston-Salem. At this time their resolutions would be taken to the larger group for endorsement and support. One of their recommendations was that all Homes should provide their Residents with the opportunity to be involved in meaningful and creative activity (such as work in the craft shop) which would allow them to be productive and to earn extra money. The recommendations and resolutions that evolved out of the Forum would be sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging, and would be taken to other

community forums, eventually reaching state and national levels. The final goal of all the resolutions will be the White House Conference on Aging, which will meet in Washington in December, 1981. Delegates to the Conference will listen to the problems incurred by



Mrs. Lisa Rosenfeld voices an opinion to Elaine Gibson, Director of Social Services, in one of the Home's Mini-White House Conferences.

an aging society, and will address themselves to creating legislation which will help relieve or solve some of these problems.

Dr. Ellen Winston, Deputy Chairman of the National White House Conference on Aging, was the keynote speaker for the Forum on Long-Term Care in Winston-Salem. She touched on several topics she hopes will be focal points of the 1981 conference, and called for an increased realization of the importance of older Americans as a national resource because of their knowledge and experience. Also speaking was Larry Lane, legislative director for the American Association of Homes for the Aging. He highlighted several of the policy issues involving long-term care.

The Forum on Long-Term Care was attended by approximately 150 people, including Senior Citizens, professionals in the field of aging, laypeople and represen-

tatives from Area Agencies on Aging and Community Advisory Committees. Ten Residents from the Home participated in the Forum. Mrs. Rose Block, Mr. Sam Cohen, Miss Josephine Rappaport, Miss Judith Wainer, Mrs. Hannah Kirshner, Mrs. Grace Schwartz, Mrs. Alice Fruh, Miss Esther Stein, Mrs. Emma Pearson and Mr. Abe Fine were involved in the discussion and resolution-making process, and helped to formulate some of the 30-odd recommendations that were presented at the close of the day-long meeting. Miss Wainer (Carthage, N.C.), served as a Respondent in the session on Patients' Rights. Reacting to Steve Freedman, a state official from the



Dr. Winston addresses participants in the Forum on Long-Term Care.

Division of Aging, she called for greater clarification and enforcement of the Patients' Bill of Rights.

The Home's professional staff played a number of key functions in the state-wide conference. Mr. Al. Mendlovitz, the Home's Executive Director, was the overall Chairman for the event. He also chaired the final session, in which the resolutions were presented for ratification. Mr. Elbert Levy, Director of Planning and Development, introduced Dr. Winston, the keynote speaker, as well as served as recorder for the workshop on



Three Residents listen intently to some of the issues discussed in the Mini-Conference.

fiscal issues of the institution. Jan Sawyer served as overall Public Relations Chairman for the conference and was co-chairman for the session on Patients' Rights. Ms. Elaine Gibson, Social Services Director, chaired a session entitled "The Older American Speaks Out", which offered Senior Citizens the opportunity to address a broad range of problems not discussed in other sessions. The other workshops during the day dealt with the economic problems of the older American, the economic problems of the long-term care facility, ways of meeting the spiritual and social needs of Residents, manpower and staffing problems, and dealing with rules and regulations.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of the Home's Mini-White House Conferences and the Forum on Long-Term Care was that Residents and other Senior Citizens, rather than just professionals and bureaucrats, were directly involved in the definition of and possible solution to some of the problems incurred by the aging process.

**WELCOME COMMITTEE
COMPLETES TRAINING**

by Eileen Poos,
Recreation Worker

The seven members of the Welcome Committee have successfully completed their eight-week training period. A luncheon was held on July 23, at the Ramada Inn in Clemmons, to commemorate this occasion. Mr. Al. Mendlovitz congratulated the committee members and awarded the following residents with their official Welcome Committee badges: Mrs. Jean Tager, Miss Ester Stein, Mrs. Elizabeth Gross, Mrs. Emma Pearson, Mr. Edward Timmerman and Mr. Abe Fine. Mrs. Evelyn Small was unable to be present.

We were pleased to have Dr. Marian Sussman, of the Salem Psychiatric Center, join us as our

Guest of Honor. Dr. Sussman worked with the Welcome Committee in developing peer counseling and effective listening techniques.

The Welcome Committee will now embark on the adventure of welcoming new residents into the Home, explaining to residents the operation of the Home, and encouraging friendships and social interaction. We are looking forward to this group's work in helping new residents feel welcome and at home.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Lillie Gabison,
Food Service Manager

**IT TAKES A LONG TIME
TO BECOME YOUNG**

by Garson Kanin
Published by Doubleday & Co.,
Inc., 1978.

In this lively, witty book, Garson Kanin (husband for thirty-five years to famous actress Ruth Gordon), makes a strong case for maturity and experience. Vividly he indicts the system which wastes the vast accumulated wisdom and energies of mature people—mandatory retirement.

He demonstrates how forced retirement kills. He warns the young that this is their problem, as well. Whatever else happens to you, you will most assuredly—if

you live—grow older! Young people should not be talked into fear of maturity.

He points out that with modern science we are living longer. But here is the paradox. Men and women are being enabled to grow older and older, but at the same time are being declared obsolete earlier and earlier. He reminds us of the great artists, writers, and statesmen who have the privilege of pursuing their careers, not having to quit at a given age. To name just a few, there were Benjamin Franklin, Roosevelt, Picasso, Marc Chagall, Goethe, Freud, Einstein, and Schweitzer. And in today's world there are George Burns, Maurice Chevalier, Ruth Gordon, Sir Lawrence Olivier. (Should we name Reagan at this writing?) And who has not heard of Colonel Sander's Kentucky Fried Chicken?

Mr. Kanin's approach is concise and entertaining. His argument is one that speaks directly to both young and old. It redefines age as a matter of life, not years. His book is entertaining and thought-provoking, although written in a light vein.



Emma Pearson



FOCUS ON . . .

A RESIDENT

by Linda Babb,
Recreation Worker

Emma Perry Pearson says she "can talk non-stop". What she does not admit is that she can charm you through conversation! I enjoyed a delightful morning chat with Mrs. Pearson in her cheerful room on B-1, and became convinced that this self-reliant, independent woman indeed does have much about which to converse.

She began our conversation with a sketch of her 70-plus years, reflecting upon her marriage and career. She attended cosmetology school near her home in Virginia and worked as a beautician until her cousin introduced her to Porter Pearson. Mrs. Pearson says she "cooked her way into his heart" and they were married within six weeks. The Pearsons were married thirty years prior to his death. During this time they lived in Arlington, Virginia. After Mr. Pearson's death, Emma decided to resume a career. She returned to work at what she was told would be a temporary job, but ten years later she was still working as an apartment manager. She recalls that the part of that job she liked best was getting to meet and to talk with so many interesting people.

After a sudden illness, Mrs. Pearson found she required nursing home care. She enjoys being close to her son, Johnnie, and his wife, Marianna, and her grandchildren, Kathryn (age 3) and John Thomas (age 8), who live nearby in Winston-Salem.

To Emma Pearson, working must be almost as natural as talking. Even now, she continues her work as a sales representative for a leading cosmetic corporation. Both residents and staff depend on Emma and her products. As a result, someone is dropping by her room often to place orders and to check on product delivery dates.

As I prepared to leave her room, Mrs. Pearson asked me to "wait a minute". She then produced a gigantic set of tongs (canning tongs, she explained). With this

self-help device, she independently retrieves items she has dropped on the floor. What might have been an obstacle to some people is only an inconvenience for this self-reliant woman. Having completed this demonstration, she smiled brightly, waved her tongs and said, "Come back when we can talk and talk!"



Joe Noland

THE STUDENTS

by Jerry Clark,
Assistant Maintenance Supervisor

Joe Noland, who is 18, came to work for the Home on June 23 through the Experiment in Self-Reliance—CETA Summer Youth Employment Program. This program made it possible for Joe to earn money during the summer while learning work skills. We liked Joe from the very start. He is a very inquisitive person, and eager to learn. I found out early that Joe is not afraid of hard work. He has learned several different jobs in the Maintenance Department. And we in Maintenance have learned a lot from Joe.

Joe was born with an eye/ear and speech defect. Through hard work and determination, he will enter the 11th grade at Parkland High School (a public school) this school year. He maintains a "B" average and runs three or four miles every day to train for the track team.

Joe has taught us how to use sign language, and we have no problems in communicating. We hate to see him leave us at the end of the summer, but hope that he can come back to the Home next summer.

THE STUDENTS

B-2's NURSE'S ASSISTANTS

by Lucille Shaw,
Unit Manager, B-2

This summer B-2 has been fortunate to have five students working as aides who will be pursuing medical careers. Sandra Jansen, Carol Jean Ellis, Lisa McDaniel, Kim Phillips, and Celeste Martin have been working on the gold team. Mrs. Dorothy Bryan, RN, who is the Charge Nurse, has been their supervisor. These young women have worked very hard and have shown a lot of compassion and dedication. The Residents have enjoyed being around them because they laugh, they're young, and they're full of life!

Sandra Jansen will be leaving the Home this fall to attend Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem for training as a

Physician's Assistant. She has been interested in the medical profession since her sophomore year in college. (She received her B.A. from Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont).

Carol Jean Ellis, a recent graduate of Davie High School, has worked part-time for the Home since November, 1978. She plans to pursue an RN degree at Davidson County Community College this fall. Lisa McDaniel and Celeste Martin, also 1980 graduates of Davie High School, have the same career plans and will also enroll in the RN program at Davidson County Community College. Celeste and Lisa plan to work part-time for the Home while going to school.

Kim Phillips has received an Associates Degree from Wingate College. She will be taking several science classes at Winston-Salem State University this fall to count

toward the RN program at UNC-Charlotte.

I have been extremely proud to have these girls on B-2. They've added a lot for the Residents and to the staff.



Lisa McDaniel and Kim Phillips



Carol Jean Ellis, Sandra Jansen and Celeste Martin

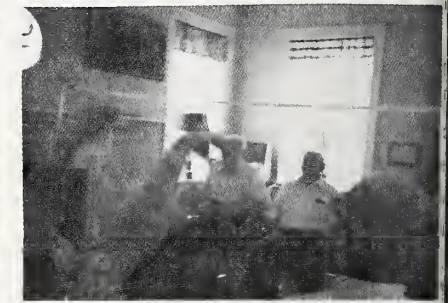
What's Been Happening?



The Home welcomes Linda Babb and Billie Syrett to the Recreation Department. Linda will be Recreation Worker on A-Wing, and Billie is directing Craft Shop activities. They chat with Mrs. Ida Polashuk, who is beginning work on another afghan.



Edward Levin, grandson of Sol Levin, drew enthusiastic approval from Residents throughout the Home for his performance of Broadway tunes & Jewish melodies.



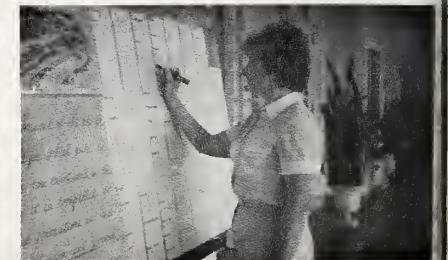
Involved here in a volley ball game, members of the Men's Club met for the first time on August 7. They plan to gather weekly for fun and fellowship.



Celebrating her birthday, Mrs. Hassie Wade (Black Mountain, North Carolina) dances with Rick Rogers during B-1's July birthday party!



Willie Reynolds gives a hug to Olympiah Moore and Romel Hood, two of the CETA students who were in training as Nurses' Assistants, for six weeks at the Home.



Edna DiBianca makes a final check on the model of the Grand Builder Plaque. The bronze plaque will be dedicated at the Annual Meeting in October.

New Year's Greetings September 1980

NEW YEAR'S WISHES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR—Al. A. Mendlovitz

During these difficult times of our country's economic and social unrest, it is important that we stop and take stock of ourselves in these Days of Awe. The questions of who we are, what our place is in society, and what Israel's place is in the world should be reviewed. It is important that each of us look at our goals and see that we measure up to our greatest capacity.

As the chief executive officer of the Home, and on behalf of all our staff we extend our wishes for a happy and peaceful year to the residents, their families and friends.

May the next year be one of joy.
Very warmly,
Al. A. Mendlovitz

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM CYRIL JACOBS, President, Board of Governors

At this season of the year, when our tradition challenges us to recommit ourselves to the best in Judaism, it is my privilege and pleasure as the President of the Blumenthal Jewish Home to extend to all Home's wishes for a L'Shana Tova.

But this would mean little if it were not accompanied by the realization that one of our basic Jewish values is a concern for our elders and a commitment to their welfare. L'Shana Tova for our elders who need the Home means support from their fellow Jews to make the facilities of which we are justly proud available to all who are in need. L'Shana Tova is, therefore, more than a good wish. It is an invitation and a challenge to each of us.

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for your Maasin Toviim.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE RESIDENTS

"I wish you all a very happy new year, with good health. I would like all our good friends to come to see us."

Anna Gruber, Representative from A Wing

"Happy New Year to all the Residents of the Home and their relatives. Happy New Year, and stay well!"

Grace Schwartz, Representative from B-1

"To all my friends in the Home and outside, my very best wishes for a Happy New Year! L'Shana Tova!"

Anni Frankl, Representative from B-2

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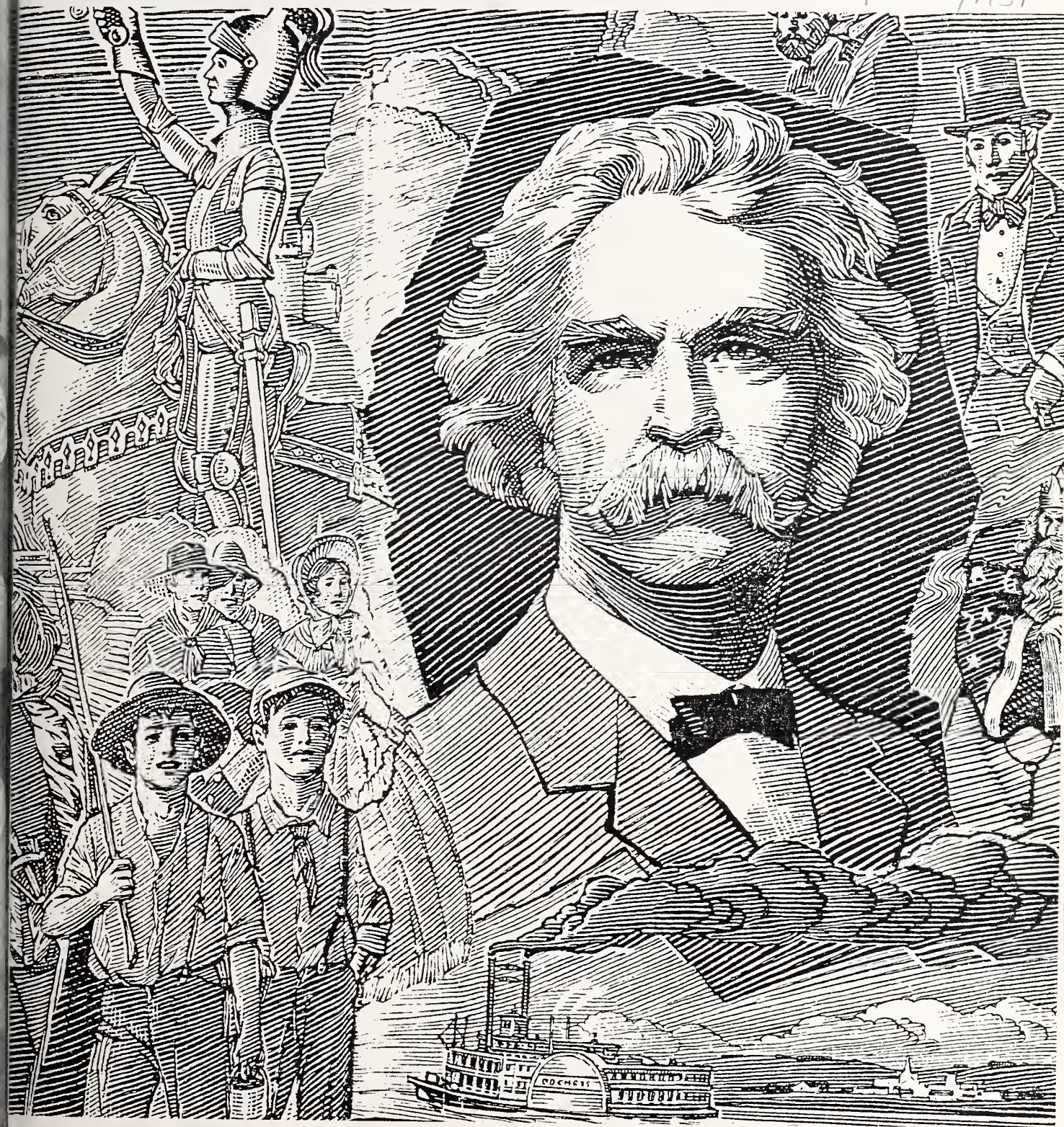


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From The Desk Of The Editor

EDITORIAL

The present is a time of preference for talk rather than writing, for telephone calls, and listening and watching television rather than reading. Words flow from the mouth with little thought of the process by which the brain performs this miracle. We are barely conscious of the operation, most of our speech skills having been acquired in early life. Although some people exercise greater care than others in talking, one fact applies to all speech. Once uttered, there is no recall; those words are out there on the air waves forever. They may be forgotten, but there is no erasing them.

Consider the advantage of writing. There are many kinds of erasers and ink eradicators, and typewriters are now built with their

own capability of erasure. Besides all of that, there is the possibility of rewriting, tearing up written words which, being reconsidered, failed to express clearly, or well enough, what the mind wished to state. In Victorian times, a correspondent usually wrote "a copy" of a letter, and later rewrote it, making improvements. Probably no person exists who has not occasionally regretted something he has said. Afterthoughts often produce wiser retorts we might have made, kinder words we might have spoken.

Our minds are full of things we would like to tell our congressmen. Most of us sometimes say, "Why don't they . . .," or "I would . . .," but there we stop, never communicating our ideas to the ears that need to hear them. Most citizens

have solutions for the country's problems, but they are always oral. The telephone companies in the advertising encourage the custom of talking instead of writing. Most people nowadays think that talk is a superior means of communicating, although it is obvious that writing is exercised with greater thought, which should produce better expression. It is difficult to imagine our society without written language and the printing press.

Out there among our readers there is a great deal of conversation about the quality of this publication. Those thoughts need to be expressed to us in writing. Writing might be the healthiest exercise for the mind. We urge you to try it. Write a letter to the Editor.

—Estelle Hoffmann

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Kibbitzing: Community News



Mrs. Allen C. Tenenbaum

FOX-TENENBAUM WEDDING

Debra Ann Fox was married to Allen Charles Tenenbaum in a garden ceremony at the home of the bride. They were married under a canopy of cyalea pink carnations, cream fuji poms, and babies breath. Rabbi Abe Shoen officiated and a program of music was provided by Ms. Fran Robinson, flutist; Mrs. Danny Williams, vocalist; and the "J & L Players". The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fox of Oxford, North Carolina, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sol Tenenbaum of Atlanta, Georgia.

The bride is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and also attended The Atlanta College of Art, Emory University, and Georgia State University. The groom is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a degree in Accounting.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Freddy Robinson of Greensboro, sister of the bride. The best man

was Mr. Terry Tenenbaum of Atlanta, brother of the groom.

A garden buffet followed the ceremony, with the "J & L Players" providing the music for dancing. Following a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe and San Francisco, the couple will reside in Atlanta.

THE N.C. HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE

by Rose Massachi

On September 1st an orientation picnic was held on the Hebrew Academy grounds. It was a wonderful way to end the summer; hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts, and best of all, a chance to see old friends and make new acquaintances. About 100 people gathered together, and many families consisted of three generations with visiting grandparents.

An important date to hold open on the fall calendar is Sunday, October 12th. That is the day the Academy will be holding its Fall Attic Sale from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. It will be full of attractive items, and the public is urged to come, browse, and buy!

This year Patricia Freeman will be President of the P. T. A., (Horim v'Morim). She recently announced that the first meeting will be held October 6th.

There is much excitement in the air these days with the growth of the school, and especially with the newly acquired kindergarten building. All of the hard work which was put into renovating the building this summer was well worth it when the smiles shone on the children's faces as they entered the door.

On behalf of the entire Hebrew Academy staff, a warm wish is

extended to the entire Jewish community for a very happy and healthy new year.

STATESVILLE

by Mrs. Bea Katz

July went out with a great deal of heat and much grumbling, and August arrived, with much heat and grumbling, cause, with August's arrival, can school be far behind??? Well, just to make the best of it, the following kept going and visiting: Michael and Brenda Becker went to the Bahamas; Fay Lester joined daughter Gene and family at Myrtle Beach for a few days; Cecil and Judy Ram flew to Rochester, Minnesota and on to Minot; Mary VanHoose and son Jesse went to visit her Dad, her grandfather living in Florida; Melvin Gordon and brother Ellis also spent a few days at Myrtle Beach; the Rodbergs, Evelyn and Daniel went to Atlanta for Meditation Week-end; and the Be Katz', Bea and Ben attended the B'nai B'rith Adult Education Institute at Wildacres in Little Switzerland, North Carolina.

Visiting here was a cousin of Hanna Adler whom she had not seen in a number of years; cousin stopped at the Sussmans on the way from Philadelphia to relocate in Phoenix, Arizona, and Edward Polk, wife Jan and son Aaron spent several days with grandparents Ruth and Leonard Polk.

We are pleased to note that our "sickies" are recovered, well and back at work and play; namely Lauren, daughter of Hanna and Howard Adler; Barry Gordon, son of Barbara and Ellis Gordon, and Gerry Summerfield, mother of Rona Gordon, grandmother of Richard and Robert.

Menschen in the News were: Hy Silberman, vice-president of Statesville Sportswear showing pictures of the expansion of his plant; Barbara Polk, daughter of Ruth and Leonard permanently settled in at the office of Dean of Admissions at UNC-Charlotte; Lauri Ram, daughter of Cecil and Judy attending Cheerleader Camp at Appalachian State U. in her capacity as a member of the Varsity Cheerleading Team at Statesville Senior High; Teri Krieger, daughter of Jean and Marvin also attending Cheerleading camp and participating in the activities as a member of the junior varsity group; Kalman Gordon, appearing in picture celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary reunion of his High School class; Rhonda Lerner, daughter of Florence and Max, teaching at UNC-G in the Public Health Department after her acquisition of a Master's Degree at Penn. State University; Ami Goldstein, daughter of Karen and Barry, now elevated to the position of Guard at Mulberry School, and Joanne Rosenfeld coming in our of a torrent of rain at the recent Western Carolina Swimming Meet. And with the preparations underway for the coming High Holidays and the reopening of the Religious School, the congregation met to accept the resignation of Rabbi Israel Gerber, as our spiritual leader, and listened to several reports on whom we might have with us for the Holidays and the months after. At the moment, a young man, Robert Covin, has been hired to be our Leader for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. So once again, this community is busying itself with menus for dinners and lunches and Max Lerner, Ritual Chairman, noting those who will be in attendance at services and who will receive each Aliyot. With that in mind, we want to take this opportunity to wish everyone L'Shanah Tova... a good year and good health for everyone.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

by Lee Lewin

In spite of the hot weather we are experiencing even here in the mountains, the summer continues at a hectic pace. One of the highlights was the All Women's Sabbath held on Friday night July 25th. Not only did this Sabbath honor all the women in the congregation, but it specifically honored the charter members of Agudas Israel Congregation who played a vital role in founding and maintaining the congregation since its inception in 1922. Those honored were Mrs. Louis Sherman, Mrs. Beryl Cohen, Mrs. Anshel Gold and Mrs. Louis Williams and they were each presented with a corsage by Mrs. Kalman Sherman, Mrs. Sam Williams and Mrs. Morris Kaplan. Mrs. Jack Rackear chaired the entire program. She, together with Mrs. Arthur Glick a summer resident, conducted the Friday evening service assisted by Mrs. Beryl Cohen and Mrs. Leonard Proper. The speaker for this special service was Mrs. Harold Seegal, also a summer visitor, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary Teachers Institute. Mrs. Seegal, who was introduced by Mrs. Rackear in her own inimitable way, spoke on "The Career of Moses and His Death" which was based on the Torah portion for this Shabbat.

Also at this most inspiring service the following letter was received by Mrs. Williams from her grandson and his family who are stationed in Germany. We feel the beauty and strength of Judaism as reflected in this letter bears repeating.

The following letter was written by David and Elissa Kaplan to their grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Williams, on the occasion of her, as one of four women, being honored as founding women of the Agudas Israel Congregation.



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David Kaplan (a West Point graduate, class of 1969) is a Major in the Signal Corps. of the U.S. Army. He and his wife Elissa, and son Jeffrey, and daughter Lara are stationed in Worms, Germany.

July 25, 1980
Worms, Germany

Dearest Bubbe,

As you read this letter, we are even now enjoying a beautiful and special Shabbat. We have seen the bright glow of the Shabbat candles, sipped the sweetness of the Kiddush wine, and tasted the delights of the challah and the Shabbat meal. Although we started before you, we are sharing the same joy of Shabbat. We speak about you and feel your presence close with us. Far away, we also honor you tonight.

In Worms we have the venerable Rashi synagogue; it serves as an everlasting symbol of our heritage. It shores our spirits and anchors our faith; it speaks of sagely insights and the courage of pioneering and persevering souls. A world of visitors pay homage; it looms a large and powerful representation of its people.

Curiously, so large an importance is housed in walls no larger than the sanctuary you pioneered; the community at its full extent no larger than your own.

When I think of my own experience, the still vivid recollections of my formative Jewish growth, I feel the warmth—the *Hamishe* environment you helped instill in the community, the gentle but confident persuasion of ethical and spiritual right which, by example you taught, and the underlying strength of home with which you shored the community.

We praise and thank you, Bubbe. You and each of the pioneering women of Agudas Israel—Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Gold—are truly women of valor.

We are beholden to you; by your courage, through your strength was the true cornerstone of Agudas Israel built. The congregation will surely flourish, for as the Rashi synagogue, the structure is not built on mere ground, but arises from the homes, by the hearts of its founders. In your way, as did the Biblical women of valor, you have ensured the continual

growth and extension of our heritage.

Agudas Israel shores our spirits, anchors our faith. It has visitors. They come, sense the quiet, unpretentious wisdom of a small group of courageous pioneers. The symbol of Rashi's synagogue is replicated for us and our generations.

All our love,
David, Elissa,
Jeffrey and Lara

This wonderful evening was concluded with a delicious Oneg Shabbat prepared by Mrs. Bert Sud and her committee.

To return to more mundane things, on August 3rd the Brotherhood sponsored a concert at Brevard Music Camp and a dinner party at the Colonial Inn in Brevard. The artist of the day was Mr. Peter Nero, brilliant jazz pianist, who gave a fabulous performance. This was an exciting summer afternoon in the mountains.

On August 4th the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting at which time the following officers were elected for the coming year. *President*, Mrs. Leonard Proper; *1st Vice-President*, Mrs. Egon Timfold; *2nd Vice-President*, Mrs. Mike Diamond; *Secretary*, Mrs. Morris Switzen; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Sam Williams; *Advisor*, Mrs. Fred Lewin.

Another of our regular summer programs is the appearance of the youngsters from Camp Blue Star. On Friday, August 8th they conducted the entire service with many of their own innovations, and after the service treated us to Israeli singing and dancing and their ruach which is always a joy to watch.

A bit of celebrity news was the award won by Miss Nancy Linder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Linder. Nancy graduated from Junior High School and won the Henry Brookshire award which is given annually to the one outstanding graduate of the school. She received an engraved plaque

for excellence in scholarship, leadership and extra curricular activities. Mazel Tov to Nancy and her family and our good wishes as she proceeds on to high school.

We also reflect *naches* from the service Mr. Egon Timfold performed in communicating with people during emergencies such as hurricane Allen. Mr. Timfold is a radio ham operator and frequently relays messages to and from people and their families who cannot reach each other. He was recently recognized on the Times news for this most worthy project and we add our commendation.

And so, so long for now, as we enter the season of the year when we individually and collectively begin to prepare ourselves for the High Holy Days. A Happy Holiday Season to you all.

B'NAI SHALOM SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL

by Ronnie Kutchei

Shanah Tovah! Chag Sameach! and other talk about the Holy Day during the busy month of Tishrei echoed throughout the school. The children were eagerly experiencing activities connected with the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Succot and Simchat Torah. Greeting cards were made for family and friends; apples dipped in honey were enjoyed by all, the Succah, which we share with Beth David, was decorated and lunch was eaten under the branches and hanging fruits and vegetables. Singing and dancing added to the festivities. In the midst of the festivities the school undertook a visit to the "White House". Greensboro citizens had an opportunity to view an exact miniature replica of the White House which was exhibited at the Carolina Circle Mall. Our children enjoyed the visit as they curiously peered into every nook

nd corner of this interesting exhibit and pretended to be the guests of Presidents and their First ladies.

The parents have also been busy. The first meeting of the year was a wine and cheese party to introduce and welcome the staff and new parents. New parents this year are: Allen and Ellen Ross, Thomas and Linda Sloan, James and Debby Rosenberger, Yitzhak and Venezia Kagan, Stuart and Susan Cook, Leonard and Eva Kaplan, Frank and Ellen Nelson, Howard and Gail Weinstein, Phillip and Susan Zaleon and Jannifer Moss.

A book fair arranged by the parent group was also held which provided an opportunity for everyone to enrich their home libraries, and through the proceeds enhance the school's library. Everyone enjoyed browsing among our book friends, some old and some new.

And if that were not enough, Polly Strasser and Linda Baggish undertook a labor of love for the school—baking a challah for Fridays' lunches and involving the children in the process. The first month's supply was fashioned by the dexterous hands of our sixth graders—Joel Adelman, Jamey Culbertson, Debbie Milgrim, Andrew Mackler and Simone Obadiah. The six braided challah used during our first Friday was truly a sight to behold and delicious to boot. Each class in the school will have a chance to share in this experience in the months to come.

The Boards, the parents, students and staff of B'nai Shalom take this opportunity to wish their friends in the Carolinas a happy and healthy New Year as we say to all of you, from all of us, L'Shanah Tova ticatevun V'techakemun!

FARBER-BERLIN ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Farber of Weldon, North Carolina, announce the engagement of their daughter Maralyn, of Bethesda, Maryland, to Mr. Gary Stephen Berlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Berlin of Bethesda. The wedding will be held in Weldon on October 25th.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, CHARLOTTE

Our Congregation offers congratulations and best wishes to Nathan and Minnie Sutker on their fifty years of marriage. Having contributed devotedly to the life of our community throughout the years, they continue to be active. Their family and many friends pay tribute to them at this time for their participation and contribution to the community, and hope they will be rewarded with many golden years.

Newcomers to Temple Israel attended the annual Get-Together Barbecue on Sunday, August 24, at the Temple. Temple Israel Men's Club sponsors this affair each year.

High Holiday Services were held in the Blumenthal Hall as well as in the main Sanctuary. Such services were initiated in 1979, due to increased membership, and attendants were pleased on both occasions. Rabbi Richard Rocklin and Cantor Frank Birnbaum officiated in the Sanctuary, and George Ackerman and Max Weissbaum presided in the Blumenthal Hall of the Temple. Comfortable and meaningful worship for all members of our congregation and their guests was thus made available. The co-operation of all participants has been greatly appreciated.

Temple Israel's President is Marvin Barman. Douglas Mann

continues as Ritual Committee Chairman.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

by F. R. Lurey

The board of Southern Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism met in Birmingham, Alabama, hosted by Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

Mrs. Rubin Auerbach, of New Jersey, National Chairman of Torah Fund/Residence Hall, was guest speaker at a special Torah Fund luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berman, in Birmingham.

Mrs. Herbert Hoffman, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee is president of Southern Branch.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA-ISRAEL CONNECTION: VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM FIRST IN NATION

by Dr. Yonina K. Rosenthal

Almost two years ago, Governor James B. Hunt announced a program that has no parallel in the United States—an exchange of scholars between a state and a country. On October 18, 1978, North Carolina and Israel entered into an agreement to exchange selected scholars on an annual basis. This exciting program has already sponsored six scholars: Dr. Dan Gerstel (NCSU), Dr. Joel Baseman (UNC) and Dr. S. W. Nunnally (NCSU) have been the North Carolina scholars to Israel; Dr. Moshe Benziman (Hebrew University), Dr. S. F. Dirnfeld (Technion), and Professor S. R. Foguel (Weizmann Institute) have been their Israeli counterparts.

Governor Hunt, inspired by his trip to Israel and impressed Israel's scientific stature, took an active role in arranging this mutually beneficial program. In a formal proclamation, he established the program to "encourage cooperation between North Carolina and Israel in common scientific and technical interests that will promote economic and social programs."

The Governor's interest in the program is so great that he has remained involved in overseeing it. The Governor and President William Friday of the Consolidated Universities of North Carolina serve as Honorary Co-Chairmen of the program. Officials of North Carolina State University in Raleigh and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill make the arrangements for the scholars coming to North Carolina and their opposite numbers on Israeli campuses handle the arrange-

ments at the other end.

One of the most unique features of the Visiting Scholars program is that it is totally citizen-supported; there are no state or federal funds involved. Private citizens, corporations, and industry all contribute to make it a people-to-people program. An Advisory Board of fifty active Jewish community leaders throughout the State are responsible for the program. Julius Blum of Asheville is Chairman of the Advisory Board.

The Visiting Scholar program has a rather modest budget. Fund raising is conducted once a year, in the Fall, so that arrangements can be made a full academic year ahead. Last year's fund raising was "kicked off" by a gala reception in the Governor's mansion in Raleigh, followed by a banquet at the Raleigh Civic Center. Supporters from all over the State turned out to help make the endeavor a success.

Every year a different North Carolina city will host the annual fund-raising event. This year, in November, the banquet will be held in the Triad area. Governor Hunt will again be on hand to help support this most successful project.

Contributions to the North Carolina-Israel Visiting Scholar Program are tax deductible. For further information about the program or for tickets to the banquet, contact: Gladys Siegel, 614 Caswell Road, Chapel Hill; Sylvia Samet, 910 Parkwood

Circle, High Point, or the Visiting Scholar Program, c/o Arnold Zogry, North Carolina Department of Administration, 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh.

This is a project that North Carolina's Jewish community can be very proud of, for it contributes to the strength of and understanding between their home state and their spiritual estate. *IT IS WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT!*

FAMOUS MART FOUNDER DIES AT 86

E. I. Sinkoe, founder of Famous Mart and Charlotte Salvage Company is dead at age 86. He was the oldest member of Charlotte's Temple Israel. He died at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. His funeral was held at Temple Israel with a burial at the Hebrew Cemetery on McCall Street. He came to Charlotte in 1916 at age 22. He was married for 55 years to the former Hattie Smith, who died in 1976.

Mr. Sinkoe is survived by two sons, Ben Sinkoe, and Gerald Sinkoe, both of Charlotte; a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Farwell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Fanny Berman and Mrs. Marie Jacobstein, both of Atlanta, and seven grandchildren.

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N. C. Association of Jewish Women

by Dr. Yonina K. Rosenthal

As the debates continue over the role of women in society and about the future of American Jewry, hundreds of Jewish women in the State, having long ago resolved these questions with a resounding "Yes," are actively involved in both North Carolina and Jewish affairs. They are the members of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women (NCAJW), one of the most unique organizations in the country. Organized almost sixty years ago, the NCAJW is the only statewide Jewish women's group in the United States. It was originally organized for the dual purpose of forging a link between the far-flung Jewish residents of the Tarheel state and as a service organization to both the general and the Jewish communities. The NCAJW has continued strong in both of these functions.

As Jewish citizens of North Carolina, NCAJW members seek to help resolve problems of concern to all of the State's citizens as well as work on projects that impinge directly on the Jewish citizenry. NCAJW members accept the modern yet age-old challenge of being "Women of Valor" and are active agents in the lives of their families, their communities, and of their people.

These "Women of Valor"—career women, housewives, civic leaders, synagogue and temple mainstays, mothers and grandmothers and unmarrieds, "concerned" citizens and social activists—all believe that Jewish women have something unique to contribute towards creating the society of social justice and high morality that we strive for.

NCAJW is an organization that is visible and influential, yet is low-keyed. NCAJW members lend their support and work through many other organizations and groups, it is represented on the *American Freedom Association Board*, *North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations* and on the *State Council for Social Legislation*. NCAJW officers are often called on to give counsel and to testify on issues of specific concern to the Jewish community as well as on general social issues.

The services and projects to the Jewish community are varied and many. Foremost among the projects is continuing and active support for the Blumenthal Home for the Aged in Clemmons, N. C. Other projects include support for various educational endeavors such as the joint Duke-U.N.C. Judaic Studies program and a scholarship and loan program for needy students. Currently, the possibility of establishing a "hotline" for a Jewish Family Counselling or Referral Service is being explored.

Once upon a time not too long ago, every Jewish woman in North Carolina was a member of the NCAJW. As the Jewish population has grown, this is no longer the case. However, NCAJW begins its new organizational year with the goal of finding and recruiting every Jewish woman in the State—to be a "Woman of Valor," a concerned Jewish citizen of North Carolina. With the slogan of "JOIN US—WE REPRESENT YOU!" the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women invites all non-members to join, to support its projects, and to be "Women of Valor" in the 1980s. Were King Solomon writing the Proverbs today, he would surely single out the NCAJW as that organization of women who exemplify the ideals that he extolled.

NCAJW membership is open to all Jewish women across the State. To become a member, send \$10.00 (\$7.50 for Senior Citizens) to: Mrs. Yetta Leder, NCAJW, Box 637, Whiteville, N. C. 28472. Contributions to NCAJW are tax deductible.

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Questions and Answers

by Lazar Chotiner

Q. *I've been told that Sam Levinson had a great answer to those who hate Jews. Can you find that for me?* L. C., Charlotte

A. Yes, Here it is:

To Whom It May Concern:

It's a free world. You don't have to like Jews, but for those of you who don't like Jews, I suggest you boycott certain Jewish products: The Wasserman test for syphilis, Digitalis, discovered by Dr. Nuslin, Insulin, discovered by Dr. Minokofsky, Chlorohydrate for convulsions, discovered by Dr. Casamir Fink, Streptomycin, discovered by Dr. Zalman Waksman, the Polio pill by Dr. Albert Sabin, and the Polio Vaccine by Dr. Jonas Salk. Good! Boycott! Humanitarian consistency requires that my people offer all these gifts to all the people of the world. Fanatic conspiracy requires that all bigots like you accept Syphilis, Heart disease, Diabetes, Infantile Paralysis and Diphtheria as a matter of principle: you want to be mad, be mad, but I am telling you now, you ain't going to feel good!!!

—Sam Levenson

Q. *What has caused the apparent fall-off of support for Israel by American Jews, as well as non-Jews? Why are less than 50% of American Jews involved in Jewish movements? Why are deep budget cuts necessary in organizational programs?*

A. These are generally agreed upon to be our most serious problems. They indicate what some of our leaders are concerned about.

One university professor feels our greatest problem is that the American Jewish community has no concern but that of mere survival. There are no great plans, no exhilarating goals. They think

about budget and the status quo. "Things only shouldn't get worse." When was the last time you heard a Jewish organization talking of a bold new venture and saying, "Why not?" Is Charlotte, N. C. the only great exception with its plan for a great combined Jewish Religious and Community Center Compound?

Another answer, reluctantly expressed, was too little anti-Semitism. The Jewish Community moves forward against a perceived common enemy. America's open society has caused a dwindling of commitment. An old story makes this point. An Eastern European Jew had abandoned all his religious practices in a mad rush to become more German than the Germans. He was eating a ham sandwich on Shabbat at an open air cafe when one of his Polish landsleit walked by. Amazed, he began to quiz the Berliner, "Do you still daven?" "No." "Fast on Yom Kippur?" "No." "Are you still Jewish?" "Of course, I'm still Jewish." "Well, then, what makes you Jewish?" "I'm still afraid of a goy!" That is an admission of spiritual bankruptcy. The teller of this story is trying to say that American Jewry may be nearly bankrupt; that without anti-Semitism to fight, there is not much left to keep us going.

An unexpected response came from one of our religious leaders. "There is too much religion." He meant that in his sector of Judaism there was too much emphasis on outward observance and not enough on true piety. He found this to be true especially among young people newly attracted to Jewish observance, who became enamored of outward symbols and that these symbols became more important than what they were supposed to remind them of.

What do you think? Are these

our most important problems? Are there others? What do you think holds American Jewry together?



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Letter to the Editor

The French philosopher, Ernest Renan (1823-1892), states: "For a philosophic mind there are three histories in the past of humanity: Greek history, the history of Israel, and Roman history." The Hebrew factor entered Western civilization through the medium of Christianity.

On a secular basis, the problem of peace in the Middle East could be easily solved. The Arabs own the oil; industrial Europe and Japan depend upon oil; the Arabs own the oil; the Arabs do not like Israel. Why not eliminate tiny Israel? Such a view, even from a mundane or cynical viewpoint, is no longer tenable. Eugene V. Rostow, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs from 1966 to 1969, in a detailed study, "The American Stake in Israel", proves that a strong Israel is essential to protecting the legitimate interests of the West, Japan, and many other nations. "... if the international community stands idly by while Israel's enemies seek to destroy her, the political results are incalculable—perhaps the end of the Atlantic alliance and of liberal civilization with it."

Each of the three aspirants to the Presidency is associated with one of the following quotations:

"Israel and the United States share reverence for democratic values and principles... We share in our willingness to take risks on behalf of peace... Israel is a key strategic ally..."

"Our aid for Israel is not only altruistic. Indeed, our close relationship is in the moral and strategic interest of the United States... We are working with Israel to meet the dangers that threaten American and Western interests in the broadest sense. Israel is an important force for stability in the Middle East."

"The interests of the United States and Israel converge politically, diplomatically and strategically... Israel has the democratic will, national cohesion, technological capacity and military fiber to stand forth as America's trusted ally..."

Each is opposed to a Palestinian state, objects to dealing with the PLO, "unless and until" it recognizes the Camp David peace process and supports an undivided Jerusalem. (*News and Views*, May-June 1980)

Through the centuries there were noble Christians who advocated the return of the Jews to their ancestral homeland. In 1695 the Dane Holgar Pauli submitted to European Powers a plan for the restoration of the Jewish State. In 1799 Napoleon, in a call to Oriental Jews, promised his help in the restoration of Palestine as a Jewish State. Such advocacy was motivated by humanitarian or philanthropic motives, but not as an aspect or integral part of Christian belief or commitment. Only within the last few years one sees a proliferation of Christian bodies showing concern for the security of the State of Israel.

The American Institute of Holy Land Studies, Mt. Zion, Jerusalem, is strictly an academic, educational institution for Christian students. Its Associated Schools list more than 50 colleges and seminaries in America representing mainstream Protestant denominations. "... one of our express purposes is that by this means our students might come to get a feeling of their problems in this area of Jewish-Christian understanding before their return to the States." From publications of the Institute one gathers the impression that it regards existence and security of Israel as integral to Christian

commitment. From the January-February 1980 *Dispatch From Jerusalem*, I quote:

"Christians must pray and speak out! God tells us, 'Comfort my people! Encourage the people of Jerusalem' (Isaiah 40:1, 2). Our verbal support for Israel will do just that. The Lord also says, 'Nations, listen to me and proclaim my words on the far-off shores. I scattered my people, but I will gather them and guard them as a shepherd guards his flock' (Jeremiah 31:10)

From a public statement by Father Bruno Hussar, the Director of Dominican House, Jerusalem, February 1969, I quote:

"The people of Israel has a message, akin to the message of the Prophet Isaiah, to give to the world today a message that Christians today will do very well to listen to, for it will attune them to the very roots of their faith, a message of peace."

Several years ago, a Fundamentalist-Evangelical organization called "Evangelicals United For Zion" was established. Its objective is to express the sincere love that Evangelicals hold toward the Jewish people and Israel. A proclamation of support for Israel was signed by eleven Fundamentalist-Evangelicals of world renown.

Evangelicals United For Zion claims to voice the sentiments and convictions of 40 million evangelicals in the United States. It seeks to unite Christian support for Israel, "In keeping with God's prophetic plan for the land and the people..."

Sixty-three years of the practice of Medicine have taught me that the human body cannot be departmentalized; that mind and

mood can influence bodily functions. As man functions as a complete, integrated, unit, so does modern society as an integrated, interdependent body. Peace—universal peace—is the acme of human achievement. Peace, like the human organism, is indivisible. Dismemberment of Czechoslovakia to satisfy Hitler did not bring peace. A mini holocaust by the PLO will not enhance the credibility of Christianity. (or the United Nations or humanity—Editor's note)

—SAMUEL NEWMAN, M.D., D.H.L. (Hon)

Dr. Samuel Newman of Danville, Virginia, is a 90-year-old pediatrician. He was named recipient of the University of Virginia Medical Alumni Association's Thomas Jefferson Award in May of this year. In his acceptance speech, he told the assemblage of his arrival in the U.S. from Russia at the age of 19. His ancestors "for centuries . . . were ground under the heel of Russian tyranny". At the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia he "gained insight into and a love for the potentialities of a

great flowering culture and civilization, worthy of becoming an inspiration and example for the whole world".

Who's Who in America, in its Bicentennial Edition, lists Dr. Newman's many achievements and services. We are appreciative of his contributing the above letter to the Times Outlook.



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Book Review: American Mosaic

by Gladys Lavitan

AMERICAN MOSAIC compiled by Joan Morrison & Charlotte Fox Zabusky. Published by: E.P. Dutton, \$19.95. 457 pp.

Ever since this country was first settled three questions have been asked of most immigrants: "Where did you come from? When did you get here? Why did you choose this land?" The Answers were as varied as the people—and Variety, thy name is America. Joan Morrison and her co-author, Charlotte Fox Zabusky, set out to document the immigrant experience in the words of those who have lived it, using the valuable modern tool of the researcher, the tape recorder.

Because the men and women interviewed were allowed to speak freely in their sometimes halting, accented English, their stories have a poignancy and ring of truth that cuts deeply into the reader's often romanticized notions. We have all thought for years of America as the great "melting pot" in which disparate people manage to become one homogeneous mass. *American Mosaic*—a multivoiced panorama—proves that idea most emphatically false. What immigrants to this country (and we are all immigrants or children of immigrants) really offer the United States of America is a pattern of color: A Mosaic. How much more that adds to our national make-up! A Mosaic means chips of different color and size fitted together in a bond of indeterminate substance to form an attractive, ever-changing picture.

In this book, starting with those who came to this country at the beginning of the twentieth century and ending with those who came as late as 1978, we learn in their own words their backgrounds, their fears, their hopes, their trials

and their achievements.

Every story is interesting, but the ones that stand out in this reviewer's mind are the following:

Pauline Newman, from Lithuania, 1901: She came from a small village that had only one church, one synagogue, one store. In America, her family had heard there was gold lying around on the sidewalk—all that one needed was a pair of hands to pick it up. And so they came—steerage of course. She worked from the age of either eight or seven in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory picking threads out of the finished garments from seven-thirty in the morning to nine in the evening, seven days a week for \$1.50. When she grew older, she became involved with the Union movement; that was the reason she was not in the Factory when it caught fire, burned down, and caused the deaths of hundreds of women who could not get out because all doors were kept firmly locked. Today she is still active with the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union as an educational director. At the time she was interviewed, she was a spry 86 years of age. Of her life in the shtetl of Lithuania she said, "It was a narrow life, but you didn't miss anything—because you didn't know what you were missing."

Albertina Di Grazia, from Italy, 1913: She said, "We came over here with nothing but our bare hands. We were dirt poor. This country gave us a chance to work and to get something out of our work . . . We're satisfied."

Taro Murata, from Japan, 1907: On December 7, 1941, he was ordered to leave his home and hard-worked-for business by the F.B.I. and placed in an internment camp. He lost both his home and his business in the years that

followed. Asked now if he was angry at the American Government for this, he answered, "No. Angry at Japanese Government for starting war."

Demetrius Paleologas Greece, 1915: Now a retired millionaire, he came to St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 19 to work in the restaurant of a friend of his father's. He worked until he could open his own restaurant and now his son, a graduate of a university in Ithica, New York with a degree in hotel and restaurant management, operates and owns most of his father's business.

Vladimir Zworykin, Russia, 1919: Known as the father of television, this inventor was V. P. of R. C. A. Laboratories. He has received 27 major awards including National Medal of Science and is a member of National Inventors Hall of Fame, and he holds more than 120 patents. He says that he arrived in New York on the Fourth of July. He heard shots: "Bang! Bang!" and he ran out of his rooming house in panic. His landlady stopped him asking, "What are you doing?" He shouted, "Get out, they're shooting guns here!" She laughed, "It's the 4th of July." He didn't understand. Bewildered, he asked, "So what?" In recounting it today, he laughs.

Thomas Nell, from Scotland, 1929: There was no work to be had in Glasgow, so America seemed the logical place to go. On Ellis Island the Immigration Officer asked him, "Where are you from?" He answered, "Glasgow." The man looked up. "What state is than in?" Neil replied, "It's in a hell of a state," and they let him in.

Alistair Cooke, from England, 1932: He was the beneficiary of the Commonwealth Fund, a sort of

Rhodes Scholarship in reverse, and he came to this country to attend Yale University and travel about to gain American culture. He successfully landed a job with a paper in England to write about America for them. He became successful not only as a writer but as a famous T.V. personality introducing on P.B.S. those fascinating Masterpiece Theatre series. He learned enough about America to want to be a citizen and became one early on. His own evaluation of what made him a success is told by him in one word: "Chutzpah."

Elise Radell, from Germany, 1939: She was born in 1931. Her family lived in her grandfather's luxurious apartment house in Ludwigshafen. When she was seven, the infamous Kristallnacht took place in Germany, and the following morning the S.S. arrived at her home and systematically destroyed, with axes, everything of value in the place. Then they rounded up all the Jewish men and boys and shipped them to Dachau. Her father had been out of town, but on returning the following day he insisted the "honorable German thing to do" was to go to the police station and give himself up to the S.S. When he returned from Dachau, his six-foot-one-inch frame was gaunt—she estimates his weight at 90 pounds, and his head was shaven.

With the aid of an aunt already in the U. S., they managed to get visas and arrived on the last boat to leave Germany before the outbreak of war. It was August, 1939. Her grandparents refused to leave and perished in the Holocaust. She was a hospital dietician for several years after finishing college here and is now happily married to a successful real estate man while also keeping busy teaching consumer economics in a community college.

Liselotte Mueller, from Germany, 1951: When her 18 year old daughter asked, "Was it really so

bad?" she says she answered, "Yes, these things happened. But you can't make the whole nation responsible for it now, because we didn't know it." Then, she added to the Interviewer, "I reminded her that Americans in Vietnam haven't done so hot either!"

Tanya Shimiewsky, from Poland, 1950: This is the most heart-wrenching story in the book. Told by the woman herself, in her own words, the whole horror of Nazi and Polish inhumanity during the Holocaust becomes so immediate as to be stunning to the senses. Wearing the traditional Orthodox wig of Jewish women, she sits and talks quietly—even unemotionally—in the large living room of her rooming house in Chicago. Her husband was taken by the Nazis when they came to her small town in Poland, and later she, her small daughter and her mother were lined up for selection. She was in one line and her mother and child in another. She never saw either of them again. Sent to a concentration camp, she suffered but survived; later, she was reunited with her husband in Germany. Safely settled in this Country and with children born here, she still hungers to know what happened to the little girl left behind in Poland during the selection. The lack of self-pity, the very absence of emotional words makes this story more tragic than any other compiled within these covers.

Karl Reinhardt, East Germany, 1955: Scientist, chemist, he escaped to the west with his wife and child and arrived here through "Operation Paperclip", a movement by this country to recruit scientists to our use. He and his family are very successful and very happy here. Quote: "Here the system works. Look at this business of the Nixon-Watergate . . . If he'd been allowed to continue his Course . . . But **here** the system worked!"

Willie and Ilse Kienzle, from Germany, 1955: They have

prospered here, but their heart remains in Germany. Quote: "If I know I'm dying . . . I'd rather die over there than here."

Boris Koltsov, U.S.S.R. 1973: Patriarch of a breakaway sect of the Russian Orthodox Church, he and his followers have traveled all over the world to find a place to practice their religion in peace. Now they are not so sure they have found it here. The trouble lies with the schools. They object to mandatory public schools where they teach Evolution and where discipline is less than strict. They don't want their children to go beyond the 6th grade, but the judge told them the parents would have to spend a day in jail for every day the children do not attend school. The Patriarch says, "Maybe we'll move to Alaska or Canada or some other remote area. We've had a lot of struggles over the centuries, but we've managed to keep our beliefs. We've moved before, and if we have to—we'll move again."

Karim and Aziza Mohammed, from Egypt, 1967: Dr. Karim Mohammed received his M.D. in obstetrics in Cairo. In 1967 he came as an exchange professor to Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. His wife didn't want to come; she felt she didn't want to leave her family in Egypt, but because her husband wished it, she came with him. Now they are American citizens and they say they have many Jewish friends, but in order to maintain their friendship they never discuss "politics" (Read that for Israel-Palestine-Arab relations). Aziza frankly states, "I'm sorry we came. I wish I could have stayed in Egypt. Yes, I do."

Einat Ben-Ami, from Israel, 1960: A child when the State was first begun, she met her husband in the University in Tel Aviv and came to this land with him so he could get his master's and Ph. D. Degree at an American University. She has intense love for Israel but feels she

has managed to create a little Israel here in Philadelphia!

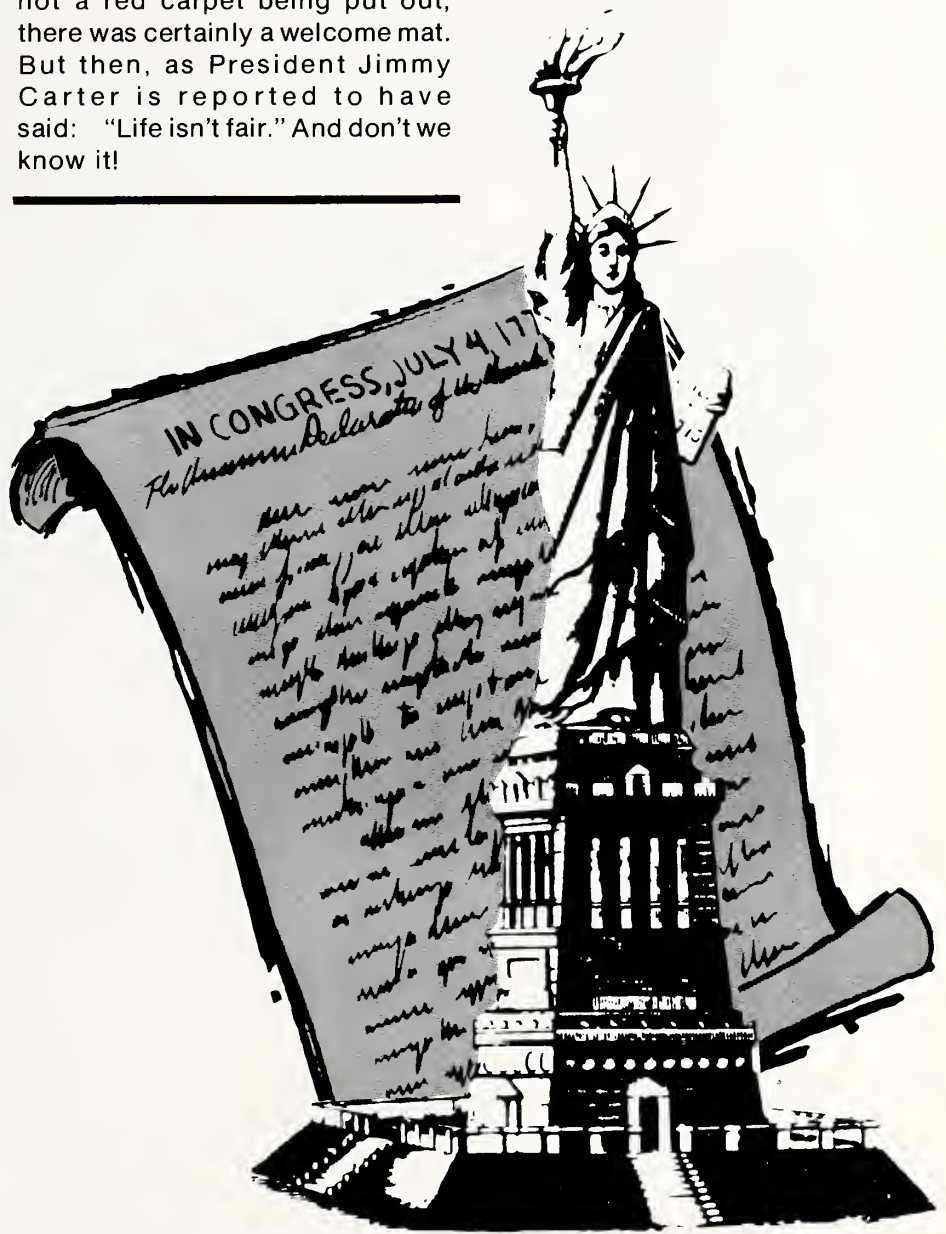
Michael Blumenthal, from Germany, 1947: At the time of this interview, he had been Secretary of the Treasury of the United States for two years. He recalled the time in 1938 when he saw Nazi Storm Troopers smash his father's small shop in Berlin and take his father away to a concentration camp. When his father returned, "a shrunken man", the family determined to leave Germany and its virulent anti-Semitism. Too difficult to get into the U. S., the family went to China, because Shanghai at that point was an international city and required no visas. During the war he met many American G.I.'s and developed an overwhelming desire to come to this country where his abilities were more important than his surname or his religious background. He and his sister came in 1947, and five days after landing in San Francisco both had secured jobs. Years later, he returned to Berlin as emissary for President Carter, and the papers there had a fat headline that read, "A Berliner Becomes America's Minister of Finance." The people who had kicked him out were now proudly calling him a "Berliner".

Premier Nguyen Cao Ky, from South Vietnam, 1975: At present selling whiskey in California, he believes there will be a change of power one day and when that happens, he says, "I will go back."

Vo Thi Tam, from Vietnam, 1979: One of the "boat people", his story is lurid but true, and of America he says, "It was like coming out of Hell into Paradise."

This is a totally fascinating book. The stories are as varied as the people, each one in its own way presenting more than just the words. It is not the sort of book one reads in one gulp, rather it is to be absorbed slowly, with time to think about the varied experiences in small doses before going on to the others. One factor stands out most

clearly: For Jewish immigrants there were enormous road blocks, for the others—even the Nazis—if not a red carpet being put out, there was certainly a welcome mat. But then, as President Jimmy Carter is reported to have said: "Life isn't fair." And don't we know it!



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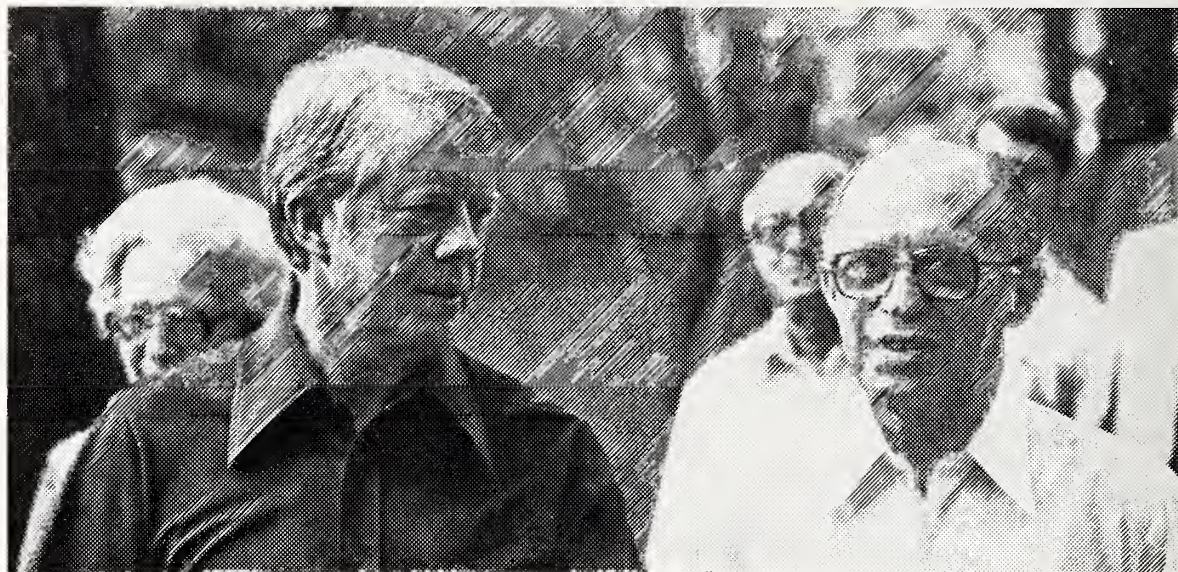
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In 1898 America's great writer, Mark Twain, wrote an essay about Jews, which has never received much notice, being out of print most of the time. The information and scope of his interests is remarkable. Usually he had his facts correct, and he uttered them with wit and honesty.

Mark Twain had published an article concerning actions affecting Jews in the Austrian Parliament in Vienna. He received, thereafter, a number of letters from Jews in America, but one from a lawyer provided specific points which were answered in Mark Twain's Essay "Concerning the Jews".

He started, "I will begin by saying that if I thought myself prejudiced

against the Jew, I should hold it fairest to leave this subject to a person not crippled in that way. But I think I have no such prejudice. A few years ago a Jew observed to me that there was no uncourteous reference to his people in my books, and asked how it happened. It happened because the disposition was lacking. I am quite sure that I have no race prejudices, and I think I have no color prejudices nor caste prejudices nor creed prejudices. Indeed, I know it. I can stand any society. All that I care to know is that a man is a human being—that is enough for me; he can't be any worse." These serious lines, ending with words to provoke a smile, reveal his attitude of

compassion for humanity blended with sarcasm for human folly.

He set out to reply to the following points raised in his correspondent's letter:

1. The Jew is a well behaved citizen.
2. Can ignorance and fanaticism alone account for his unjust treatment?
3. Can Jews do anything to improve the situation?
4. The Jews have no party; they are non-participants.
5. Will the persecution ever come to an end?
6. What has become of the golden rule?

"Point No. 1.—We must grant proposition No. 1, for several sufficient reasons. The Jew is not a disturber of the peace of any country. Even his enemies will concede that. He is not a loafer, he is not a sot, he is not noisy, he is not a brawler nor a rioter, he is not quarrelsome. In the statistics of crime his presence is conspicuously rare—in all countries. With murder and other crimes of violence he has but little to do: he is a stranger to the hangman. In the police court's daily long roll of 'assaults' and 'drunk and disorderlies' his name seldom appears. That the Jewish home is a home in the truest sense is a fact which no one will dispute. The family is knitted together by the strongest affections; its members show each other every due respect; and reverence for the elders is an inviolate law of the house. The Jew is not a burden on the charities of the state nor of the city; these could cease from their functions without affecting him. When he is well enough, he works; when he is incapacitated, his own people take care of him. And not in a poor and stingy way, but with a fine and large benevolence. His race is

entitled to be called the most benevolent of all the races of men . . .

"These are the very quint-essentials of good citizenship. If you can add that he is as honest as the average of his neighbors—But I think that question is affirmatively answered by the fact that he is a successful business man. The basis of successful business is honesty; a business cannot thrive where the parties to it cannot trust each other. In the matter of numbers the Jew counts for little in the overwhelming population of New York; but that his honesty counts for much is guaranteed by the fact that the immense wholesale business of Broadway, from the Battery to Union Square, is substantially in his hands . . . The Christian can claim no superiority over the Jew in the matter of good citizenship.

"Yet, in all countries, from the dawn of history, the Jew has been persistently and implacably hated, and with frequency persecuted.

"Point No. 2—Can fanaticism alone account for this?

"Years ago I used to think that it was responsible for nearly all of it, but latterly I have come to think that this was an error. Indeed, it is now my conviction that it is responsible for hardly any of it. . . . a remark made by one of the Latin historians . . . It was alluding to a time when people were still living who could have seen the Saviour in the flesh. Christianity was so new that the people of Rome had hardly heard of it, and had but confused notions of what it was. The substance of the remark was this: Some Christians were persecuted in Rome through error, they being 'mistaken for Jews'.

The meaning seems plain. These pagans had nothing against Christians, but they were quite ready to persecute Jews. For some reason or other they hated a Jew before they even knew what a Christian was. May I not assume, then, that the persecution of Jews is a thing which antedates

Christianity and was not born of Christianity? I think so. What was the origin of the feeling?

"When I was a boy, in the back settlements of the Mississippi Valley, where a gracious and beautiful Sunday-school simplicity and unpracticality prevailed, the 'Yankee' (citizen of the New England states) was hated with a splendid energy. But religion had nothing to do with it. In a trade, the Yankee was held to be about five times the match of the Westerner. His shrewdness, his insight, his judgment, his knowledge, his enterprise, and his formidable cleverness in applying these forces were frankly confessed, and most competently cursed . . .

"The Jew is being legislated out of Russia. The reason is not concealed. The movement was instituted because the Christian peasant and villager stood no chance against his commercial abilities. He was always ready to lend money on a crop, and sell vodka and other necessities of life on credit while the crop was growing. When settlement day came he owned the crop; and next year or year after he owned the farm . . . In the dull and ignorant England of John's time everybody got into debt to the Jew. He gathered all lucrative enterprises into his hands; he was king of commerce; he was ready to be helpful in all profitable ways; he even financed crusades for the rescue of the Sepulcher." (Here it appears the author was trying to be funny, or is it true?) "To wipe out his account with the nation and restore business to its natural and incompetent channels he had to be banished from the realm.

"For like reasons Spain had to banish him four hundred years ago, and Austria about a couple of centuries later.

"In all the ages Christian Europe has been obliged to curtail his activities. If he entered upon a mechanical trade, the Christian had to retire from it. If he set up as a doctor, he was the best one, and he

took the business. If he exploited agriculture, the other farmers had to get at something else. Since there was no way to successfully compete with him in any vocation the law had to step in and save the Christian from the poorhouse. Trade after trade was taken away from the Jew by statute till practically none was left. He was forbidden to engage in agriculture; he was forbidden to practice law; he was forbidden to practice medicine, except among Jews; he was forbidden the handicrafts. Even the seats of learning and the schools of science had to be closed against this tremendous antagonist. Still, almost bereft of employment, he found ways to make money, even ways to get rich. Also ways to invest his takings well for usury was not denied him. In the hard conditions suggested, the Jew without brains could not survive, and the Jew with brains had to keep them in good training and well sharpened up, or starve. Ages of restriction to the one tool which the law was not able to take from him—his brain—have made that tool singularly competent . . . Religious prejudices may account for one part of it, but not for the other nine.

"Protestants have persecuted Catholics, but they did not take their livelihoods away from them; the Catholics have persecuted the Protestants with bloody and awful bitterness, but they never closed agriculture and the handicrafts against them. Why was that? That was the candid look of genuine religious persecution, not a trade union boycott in a religious disguise.

"The Jews are harried and obstructed in Austria and Germany, and lately in France; but England and America give them an open field and yet survive . . .

"In Berlin, a few years ago, I read a speech which frankly urged the expulsion of the Jews from Germany; and the agitator's reason was as frank as his proposition. It was this: that eighty-five per cent

of the successful lawyers of Berlin were Jews, and that about the same percentage of the great and lucrative businesses of the sorts in Germany were in the hands of the Jewish race! Isn't it an amazing confession? It was but another way of saying that in a population of 8,000,000, of whom only 500,000 were registered as Jews, eighty-five percent of the brains and honesty of the whole was lodged with Jews . . . the motive of persecution stands out as clear as day . . . in Vienna, last autumn, an agitator said that all these disastrous details were true of Austria-Hungary also; and in fierce language he demanded the expulsion of the Jews. When politicians come out without a blush . . . it is a very good indication that they have a market back of them, and know where to fish for votes.

"You note the crucial point of the mentioned agitators; the argument is that the Christian cannot compete with the Jew . . . With most people, of a necessity, bread and meat take first rank, religion second. I am convinced that the persecution of the Jew is not due in any large degree to religious prejudice . . .

"Point No. 3—Can Jews do anything to improve the situation?

"I think so. In our days we have learned the value of combination. We apply it everywhere—in railway systems, in trusts, in trade unions, in Salvation Armies, in minor politics, in major politics. Whatever our strength may be, big or little, we organize it . . . You do not seem to be organized, except for your charities. There you are omnipotent; there you compel your due of recognition . . . It shows what you can do when you band together for a definite purpose . . .

"You seem to think that the Jews take no hand in politics here, that they are 'absolutely non-participants'. (This refers to Austria.) I am assured by men competent to speak that this is a very large error, that the Jews are

exceedingly active in politics all over the empire, but that they scatter their work and their votes among the numerous parties, and thus lose the advantages to be had by concentration. I think that in America they scatter too, but you know more about that than I do . . .

"Point No. 4—The Jews have no party; they are non-participants."

Under this point, Mark Twain lamented the fact that the Jew had not made use of the vote he had in Austria, Germany, and France, and stated that the Jew had not become politically important in any country. A comparison was made with the Irish in America, "who had made it apparent to all that he must be politically reckoned with." Mark Twain would be pleased today, were he here, to behold the existence of what is considered "the Jewish vote". He encouraged the Jews to concentrate their efforts, in order to gain political advantage. He referred to Zionism thus:

"Speaking of concentration, Dr. Herzl has a clear insight into the value of that. Have you heard of his plan? He wishes to gather the Jews of the world together in Palestine, with a government of their own—under the suzerainty of the Sultan, I suppose. At the convention of Berne, last year, there were delegates from everywhere, and the proposal was received with decided favor. I am not the Sultan, and I am not objecting; but if that concentration of the cunningest brains in the world was going to be made in a free country (bar Scotland), I think it would be politic to stop it. It will not be well to let that race find out its strength. If the horses knew theirs, we should not ride any more."

"Point No 5—Will the persecution of the Jews ever come to an end?

On the score of religion, I think it has already come to an end. On the score of race prejudice and trade, I have the idea that it will continue. That is, here and there in spots about the world, where a bar-

barous ignorance and a sort of mere animal civilization prevail; but I do not think that elsewhere the Jew need now stand in any fear of being robbed and raided. Among the high civilizations he seems to be very comfortably situated indeed, and to have more than his proportionate share of the prosperities going. It has that look in Vienna. I suppose the race prejudice cannot be removed; but he can stand that . . . You will always be by ways and habits and predilections substantially strangers—foreigners—wherever you are, and that will probably keep the race prejudice against you alive.

"But you were the favorites of Heaven originally, and your manifold and unfair prosperities convince me that you have crowded back into that snug place again . . .

"Point No. 6—What has become of the golden rule?"

"It exists, it continues to sparkle, and is well taken care of. It is Exhibit A in the Church's assets, and we pull it out every Sunday and give it an airing. But you are not permitted to try to smuggle it into this discussion, where it is irrelevant and would not feel at home. It is strictly religious furniture, like an acolyte, or a contribution plate, or any of those things. It has never been intruded into business; and Jewish persecution is not a religious passion, it is a business passion.

"To conclude. If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one per cent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous, dim puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and

abstruse learning are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it. The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"



Carolina Character

A native of Charlotte, Minnie Silverstein Sutker has been married for fifty years, to Nathan Sutker, who was born in Savannah, Georgia. The occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary gives rise to retrospection.

Nathan's father, Wolfe Sutker, married Rebecca Roketta of Bialystok in 1866. They were married in Sicolia in Lomzha Gubernia, Poland. Their marriage



was arranged by their parents with agreement by bride and groom. Wolfe was a Yeshiva student, as well as a talented painter and sculptor. Rebecca and he operated a saloon, and his time between service to customers was occupied with study. To this day, his son Nathan continues to study.

Because military service was a dreaded threat in Poland, Wolfe immigrated to the United States, in order to avoid induction into the Polish Army. He landed in New York in 1870. His brother Max had come to Savannah just after the Civil War, and he was a successful peddler, later opening a pawn shop with a son, Alec. In 1875, Max sent for Wolfe to join him in Savannah. Having sustained himself as a Sofer and Baal Koreh in New York, he continued as Baal Koreh in the synagogue in Savannah, and he owned and operated a grocery store there. Three years later he decided to become a Shochet, there being none in Savannah. He returned to New York to learn Schechitah and became the first Shochet in Savannah. His fee for slaughter was five cents per

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chicken. In 1880 Rebecca arrived in Savannah, accompanied by her mother, sister, daughter Rose, and son Sol. Their grocery store was located in a Jewish neighborhood and its proprietors were highly respected by gentile residents of Savannah, who considered Wolfe a holy man. Children born to them in Savannah were Annie in 1891, Sarah in 1893, Julius in 1894, Victor (father of Anita Blumenthal) in 1897, and Nathan in 1899.

Wolfe had always dreamed of Palestine. When Nathan graduated from high school in 1917, his father persuaded him to attend the University of Georgia to study agriculture, although Nathan really wanted to become a Doctor of Medicine. In deference to his father's wishes that he prepare for life in Palestine, after his junior year in college, in 1919 Nathan went to the University of Florida to major in the study of citrus culture, qualifying him for useful work in Palestine. He attended classes from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. After he graduated in 1920, he was employed by Lakeland Highland Co-operative Association as a Grove Inspector. The company owned 5,000 acres, and Nathan walked twenty-two miles a day through rows of trees, determining the need for fertilizers and for praying to protect against parasites. Thereafter, he became Lead Horticulturist for the Association.

In 1921 it was decided by the family that the time had arrived to migrate to Palestine, just as Arab riots broke out. Nathan offered to go first and become established, then send for the family. Wolfe decreed that either all would go together, or none, so that none of them went.

Brother Victor worked for Anderson Clayton & Company, cotton exporters at the rate of a million bales a year, and Nathan found employment with that Company, preparing export papers, bills of lading, etc. In 1927 Anderson Clayton opened an

office for domestic sales in Charlotte, and Nathan transferred to the new branch.

In the same area in Poland where Wolfe Sutker had lived, Benjamin David Olsha, when a young married man, also faced induction into the Polish Army. He planned to come to New York, become a citizen of the United States, then return to Poland, where, as an American, he would not have to serve in the army. He changed his name to Silverstein on arrival in the United States, so that he would return to Poland with another identity. Life in New York did not please him, however, and he soon moved to Charlotte, on the suggestion of someone who described it in attractive terms. He was so pleased with life in Charlotte, that he abandoned plans to return to Poland.

Benjamin Silverstein visited other parts of North Carolina, encouraging Jews to move to Charlotte. Among them was M. B. Smith, father of the late Al Smith. A Jewish cemetery was established by German Jews in 1870. Its deed was in the name of H. Baumgarten, who left it to his son-in-law, Will Weil. Mr. Smith persuaded him to deed it to the Charlotte Jewish Community.

Benjamin opened a dry goods store in Charlotte, and as soon as possible, he sent for his wife who had remained in Poland. Fannie Borowitz Silverstein and Benjamin became active and esteemed members of the community. Benjamin was gregarious and adapted to American life quickly. He was ever ready to assist anyone in need of help, and he joined a number of fraternal organizations—Masons, Elks, and others. Early Jewish settlers of Charlotte had formed all sorts of benevolent societies, but no synagogue. They had met in homes for religious services. The Silversteins were charter members of the Orthodox Agudath Achim Congregation, which met in rooms above stores. In 1895 it was chartered, and the

first synagogue in Charlotte was completed and occupied in 1915 with its name translated into English, Hebrew United Brotherhood. The name was changed again to Temple Israel and later became affiliated with the Conservative Movement. Benjamin Silverstein was Temple Israel's second President. Its first was Mr. Harris Miller, grandfather of Shirley Sideman Silverstein (Mrs. Morton), and Millie Miller Feurstman (Mrs. Hilbert).

Benjamin never missed a Minyon until he became too ill to attend. He was planning to move near the new synagogue when it was being planned, but he died in 1948. Ground was broken for the synagogue building in 1949. The Chapel bears the name of Benjamin David Silverstein. In 1955, when Temple Israel observed its 60th Anniversary, Fannie Silverstein was honored as the oldest surviving charter member of the Temple.

Fannie and Benjamin Silverstein had nine children, of whom seven survived. The first was Maurice, who was left in Poland until after his bar Mitzvah, when he was brought to the United States by his maternal grandfather. Maurice finished public school quickly, and opened Charlotte's first movie house. Several years after his marriage to Tillie Weinstein of Lumberton, he went into business in Gastonia, where he resided until his death in 1963.

Ida Silverstein, married in 1911 to the late Morris Stadiem of Greensboro, still resides there. Their wedding was the social event of the times. At the invitation of the Catholic Priest, the wedding was held in O'Donoghue Hall. Guests came from near and far; relatives of the groom came from England. Fannie Silverstein prepared all the food (kosher, of course), having by herself fattened the geese for the dinner.

Another son, Louis, became his father's right-hand man in business at an early age. He was

active in Temple Israel, and before the existence of the Jewish Federation, it was Louis who escorted the Meshulach to solicit. Until recently he spend much of his time visiting the ill. He is now the oldest surviving member of the original Temple Israel families.

Daughters Sarah and Margie left Charlotte when they married Northerners. Sarah married the late Louis Sherry of Hartford, Connecticut, and lived there until a few years before his death, when they returned to Charlotte. She now lives in Raleigh, where her son and his family reside. Margie married Maurice Bazar and moved to Providence, Rhode Island. They now live in Palm Beach, Florida, but visit Charlotte frequently, because their only child, Barbara (Mrs. Jerry) Levin, lives in Charlotte.

Isadore became interested in Masonry at an early age, and is the first Charlottean to receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor award, and the first Jew in Charlotte to receive the 33rd Degree, the highest award bestowed on a Mason. He is still active in all the good works of Masonry.

Minnie is the youngest of the Silverstein children. She cherishes the memory of the family's rewarding life in their gracious homes. They lived in several—the last two were in Fourth Ward, West Ninth Street next door to the restored Berryhill Home, and on Graham Street. Her Alma Mater is Queens College in Charlotte, where her prime interest was Dramatics (called Expression in those days). She spent a summer studying at Martha's Vineyard. While a student at Queens, she taught Sunday School at Temple Israel, acted in and directed many plays.

In 1930 Minnie and Nathan Sutker were married. Because of the problem with the date of Tisha b'Av, their marriage was performed in Washington, D. C., so that not a day of their honeymoon would be lost during Nathan's three-week

vacation. They reversed their original plans to drive to Canada in their Model-A Ford, and after visiting in Providence, they went to Atlanta, a town that did not equal Charlotte in their estimation. Nathan says that Minnie thinks Charlotte is the nearest thing to Paradise (isn't it?).

When Nathan's employers decided to move to Atlanta in 1932, Nathan resigned. He had entered the Insurance field and owned and operated Nathan Sutker Insurance Agency, with Minnie working in his office with him until Nathan retired in 1971, when their son Stephen took over the business. Steve is married to Judy Frazier Sutker. They have given them two lovely grandchildren, Benjamin David and Frances Marissa.

Minnie is a charter member of

Hadassah and B'nai B'rith Women serving on both Boards, as well Temple Israel Sisterhood's Board for many years. She has been member of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women for fifty years, and when the Association voted, many years ago, to look into the possibility of a Jewish Home for the Aged, she became interested in this project. Minnie and Nathan have worked with great dedication for the Blumenthal Jewish Home at Clemmons since before its establishment fifteen years ago. They worked closely with the late I. D. Blumenthal, and continue their efforts for the Home unceasingly.

Together, Minnie and Nathan have been a boon to the community and have led an exemplary life.

Tradition in the Kitchen

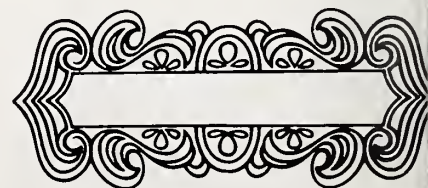
SWEET CHALLAH

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 2 cups hot water
- 2 packages dry yeast
- ¼ cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 7 to 7½ cups flour
- 1 egg yolk with honey
Sesame or poppyseeds

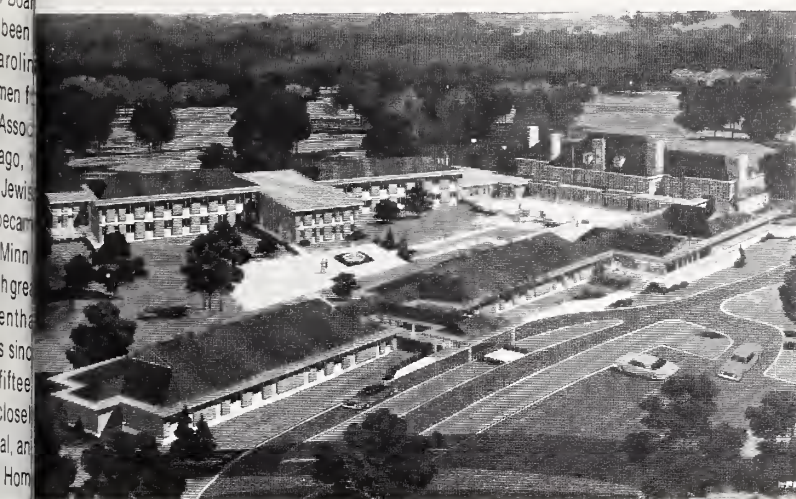
In large bowl dissolve sugar, salt, and shortening with hot water. Let cool. Dissolve yeast in warm water with 1 teaspoon sugar. Let stand a few minutes until it begins to bubble and looks puffy. When hot water mixture is lukewarm, add yeast mixture and beaten eggs. Gradually add flour. Knead by hand a minimum of 100 times. If using electric mixer with dough hook, allow mixer to knead until almost smooth. Place dough in

greased bowl in warm place until double in size.

Divide dough into thirds or fourths, depending on size of loaf desired. Divide each again into strips for braiding. Braid and place on greased cookie sheets. Allow to rise until almost double in size about 1 hour. Brush with egg yolk mixed with a little honey and sprinkle with sesame or poppyseeds. Bake at 325° about 15 minutes or until evenly brown and loaf sounds hollow when tapped.



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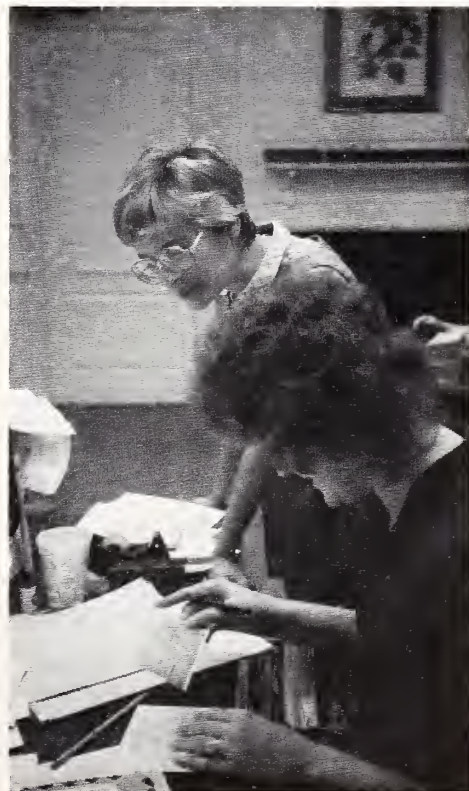
Come to the Ball, Sat. Oct. 4!

Exciting plans for the Fifteenth Anniversary Ball are in the final stages of development. Mrs. Toby Sidman, Chairman of the Invitations Committee, reports that there is an excellent response to the invitations which were mailed in late August. All members of Jewish communities across the state and in South Carolina are invited to the gala Ball, which will be held on Oct. 4 at the Home. Mrs. Morris Brenner, over-all chairman for the Ball, noted that the Ball will feature Tony DiBianca's orchestra for dancing on the patio and in the Madolyn Blumenthal Memorial Garden. A cocktail buffet, arranged by Mrs. Lynn Eisenberg, Mrs. Elaine Davis and the members of the Home's Dietary Department, will be served throughout the evening. Mrs. Gail Litron and Mrs. Marcia Gottlieb have organized all the decorations, flowers and arrangements that will be used during the evening's exciting festivities. A special thank-you is extended to Mrs. Ruth Julian, the Public Relations chairman for the Ball.

Entertainment will begin at 8:30

p.m. the evening of Saturday, Oct. 4. Out of town guests may reserve a room at the Ramada Inn in Clemmons by contacting the Home's staff (919-766-6401) prior to the weekend. The Board of Governors cordially invites all members of the Jewish community to attend the Fifteenth Anniversary Ball and the Annual Meeting, which will take place beginning at 11:00 a.m. the following day. For more information about the Ball and the Annual Meeting, please contact the Home.

Toby Sidman, Chairman of the Invitations Committee, and Julie Sparks, the Home's receptionist, compile a list of reservations for the 15th Anniversary Ball!





Mrs. Block and members of the chorus.

Jewish Festival Chorus

Residents of the Home's Jewish Festival Chorus presented a special program of song and readings for the rest of the Home's Residents and staff on Wednesday, Sept. 10. Mrs. Rose Block provided continuity to the program with narrative and introduction of each of the songs. Mrs. Beth Gross shared a reading of a psalm appropriate to the holiday season. Memorable events were the solos of Residents Mr. Charles Saltzberg ("Sunrise, Sunset"), Mr. Sol Levin ("Bei Mir Bist du Schoen") and Mrs. Goldie Kaminitz, who led the audience in the popular "Hava Negilah" and "Havenu Shalom Alecheim." Highlights of the Festival were the beautiful and moving solos "Donna" and "Y'rushalayim Shel Zahar" by Mrs. Sara Schwartz, the Home's Recreation Therapist. Members of the chorus and the audience spoke briefly about what it meant to be Jewish, and what it meant to them to be a Jew in America. Most felt that it was a great privilege and a great responsibility.

The program concluded with the audience and chorus joining in the singing of the national anthem of Israel, "Hatikvah", emphasizing the common bond that unites so many people of different communities and citizenships—the bond of being Jewish. It was a special experience for all who participated in this celebration.

Succoth— Festival of Joy

by Elbert E. Levy, Director of Planning & Development

The Residents, with the help of the Home's staff, have constructed a beautiful Succa for the celebration of the "Season of Rejoicing." This tabernacle is one of the largest and most singularly decorated in the Southeast. This year the Succa measures 27' x 105'. There is little problem in seating everyone among the colorful harvest of fruit, vegetables, oils and wines which hang from the ceiling and walls of this tabernacle. Visitors who have previously seen the Home's Succa "oh and ah" over its beauty and size. Year after year many visitors return with their children and friends in order to share this experience of the Jewish Heritage.

The Residents and others of the Jewish faith emulate the ceremonies of Biblical times by seeking shelter and refreshment in the Succa, using the local harvest as well as the symbols of ancient times—the citron, the myrtle and the fruitful palm. The lighting of the candles, the traditional Kiddish, and the service of meals in the Succa when weather permits are major functions anticipated by the Residents of the Home. As they observe these symbols of their forefathers' dedication during Biblical times, they celebrate the knowledge that their spirits may also be fortified in the Tabernacle of Peace through faith, hope and visions of the future.

Services will take place at the Home as follows:

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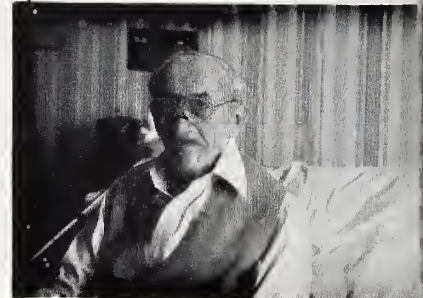
Wed., Sept. 24, 1980	6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 25, 1980	9:30 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 26, 1980	9:30 a.m.
Hoshanah Rabbah—	
Wednesday, October 1	6:30 p.m.
Yiskor—	
Thursday, October 2	9:30 a.m.
Simhat Torah—	

Friday, October 3 9:30 a.m.

Festival services will be conducted by Mr. Jules Starolitz, with the assistance of Mr. Al. A. Merlovitz and Mr. Elbert E. Levy.



**FOCUS ON
A RESIDENT**



SOL LEVIN

Born in 1896 in Lithuania, Solomon Isaac Levin came to the United States while he was still a young boy. His story is that of an independent, diligent worker who developed a major industry from minimal beginnings.

Sol and his brother, Myer, established "Levin Brothers, Inc." in Burlington in 1908. They travelled by horse and buggy throughout the region, buying scrap metals, hides, furs and rags. After his brother's death in 1924, Sol continued to develop and expand the scope of his company. Sensitive to needs and demands led to such developments as an early paper recycling process during World War II, an auto parts business, scrap iron brokerage and a steel fabrication business and war house.

Currently, the company has two plants: one in Burlington and one in Kernersville (an impressive auto-shredding facility) in Kernersville.

The obvious pride Sol Levin has in his work and his company is matched by the pride he shows in his family. Pictures of himself and his wife, Stella, with various groupings of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are displayed in his home.

check the walls and tabletops of this room. Sons Jack and Seymour are now directly responsible for the family business.

Although Sol has lived at the Home for three years, his interest and support of the Home is much older. "I. D. Blumenthal brought me to see this place before he bought it," he told me. He showed me the Star of David on the Home's chimney) and said, "See, God made it for me to buy it!" The commitment that Sol Levin made to the Home's development, by serving on the original board of Directors as well as by being one of the first Grand Builders, is continued to this day. His eldest son, Seymour, also serves on the Board of Directors as one of the Home's Vice-Presidents.

Home Plans For Annual Meeting

by Al. A. Mendlovitz,
Exec. Director

Mr. Leonard Guyes, Chairman of the Annual Meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, recently announced that Dr. Sarah Morrow has been designated by Governor Jim Hunt to represent the State at the Home's Annual Meeting. Dr. Morrow, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources will bring to the community an address entitled, "Growing Old in North Carolina: The Thrust of the State for the 80's."

The other highlight of the day will be the dedication of the Grand Builders Plaque, which is the culmination of a drive initiated approximately 15 years ago which raised over \$1,000,000 for the Home's Endowment Fund. At this time the 1,000 individuals who contributed \$1,000 or more to the fund will be honored.

Other events scheduled for the weekend are the Gala Fifteenth

Anniversary Ball, which will be held the evening prior to the Annual Meeting, and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men's annual Cadillac drawing. For the first time, the drawing will be held on the day of the Annual Meeting. Participants will have their names pulled one at a time from a container. The five remaining names will be the recipients of the grand awards.

In addition to the financial report by Mr. Ellis Berlin, Treasurer, and the Executive Director's Report by Mr. Al. Mendlovitz, Mr. Seymour Levin will present the Nominations Committee Report for the election of new members of the Board of Governors. The slate of nominees is as follows:

ONE-YEAR TERM (1981)

Dr. Stephen B. Mackler,
Greensboro

THREE-YEAR TERM (1983)

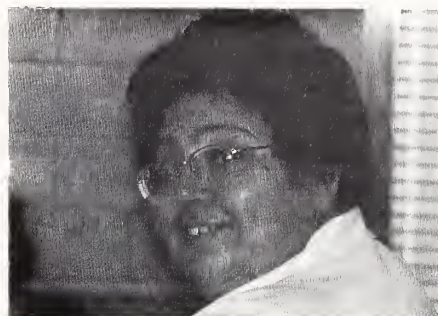
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A unique opportunity will be available to those in attendance to make purchases in the Home's Gift Shop, which has a fine collection of items for gift-giving and personal use. You are urged to stop and browse while at the Home for the Annual Meeting.

Last but not least, Ms. Lilli Gabison of the Home's Dietary Department will once again feature her "World Famous" blintzes at a buffet brunch in the Madolyn Blumenthal Garden!

The Board of Governors eagerly solicits the attendance of every member of the Jewish community for the weekend's exciting events.

Focus on the Staff



LILLI GABISON, FOOD SERVICES MANAGER

When she came as Food Services Manager to the Home in 1966, Lilli Gabison's responsibilities were to supervise the kitchen staff and to provide kosher meal service for the Home's 19 residents and 7 staff members. Her current responsibilities include purchasing all dietary supplies, maintaining dietary inventory and supervising the Home's kosher Commissary service and sales.

Lilli spent the first 14 years of her life in Tunisia, North Africa. She remembered an early sadness (while pretending to wipe tears from her eyes), for when her other little playmates had a two-hour lunch break from school, she had to wait on tables and serve lunches to her grandmother's house full of pensioners. Once she even had to prepare an entire meal for them by herself. "I cooked liver and french fries. They never knew my grandmother wasn't there!" she chuckled.

From Tunis, Lilli moved to Israel, where she continued developing her skills and knowledge of food service in hospitals, schools and even a youth hostel. After 16 years she decided to visit New York as a tourist. How did she arrive in North Carolina? "I answered an ad in the paper!" she replied.

Although she considers herself a city girl, Lilli tried growing a vegetable garden for the first time

this year. "I need living things," she said. "My garden was a miracle—tomatoes, squash, cucumbers. Watching them grow was a miracle." The need for living things molds her outlook on life, and creates in her a zest for adventure, for human fellowship and activity with friends that makes her so thoroughly herself, and so thoroughly unique.

As a final note, visitors and friends to the Home will recognize Lilli's special touch at Board meetings and on other special occasions, for the foods she prepares are food for the eyes as well as for the palate. Yet when asked if she liked to cook, she forcefully shook her head and said, "NO! I never cook for myself—I hate it! I only like institutional cooking—there's more room for creativity and possibilities!"

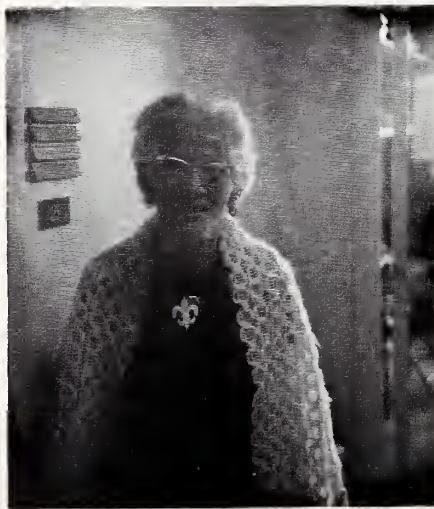
Medical Committee Meets

Each year the Medical Committee of the Home is required (by law) to hold a public meeting. This year, the Committee met on Aug. 24 prior to the monthly meeting of the Board of Governors. Dr. Jack Tannenbaum, Chairman of the Medical Committee, presided. Reports from each of the Home's clinical departments were handed out and briefly discussed by the Home's Executive Director, Mr. Al. A. Mendlovitz. Thanks were given publicly to Doctors David Gelfand, Alan Kline and Neil Wolfman of Bowman Gray School of Medicine for volunteering to serve on the Home's Utilization Review Committee. Dr. Milton Raben was especially helpful in securing the services of these professionals. Thanks were also given to the group of eleven dentists from Greensboro who provide a complete range of dental services to the Residents on a volunteer basis. Dr. Steven Mackler, a member

of the Home's Board of Governors, was given recognition for the key role he has played in developing this outstanding program. Dr. Tannenbaum was glowing in his assessment of the medical practices at the Home and of the staff and doctors who serve the Residents.

The bulk of the meeting focused on two special reports. The first, by Mrs. Jean Zook, the Home's Registered Occupational Therapist, described a feeding program that she has developed with the help of the nursing staff to rehabilitate those Residents who have difficulty feeding themselves. The other report, which is printed in part below, describes a Resident's response to the changes made in the Nursing Department since last August. Miss Josephine Rappaport, a Resident of the Home since 1971 and a professional Nursing Administrator, reviewed the Unit Nursing System's effectiveness in meeting the needs of Residents on A Wing. These two reports were enthusiastically received by all those who participated in the Medical Committee Meeting.

Unit Management On A Wing



Josephine Rappaport

by Josephine Rappaport, Nursing Administrator and Resident

What is unit management? This is a system started early this year whereby the nursing staff, RN's, LPN's and nurse assistants are under the direction of the Unit Manager. She is an excellent, caring RN who plans with her staff the schedules and activities for the nursing care of her unit Residents. She is on duty five full days a week, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and often later. She is always on call.

There are two teams on the staff: the gold and the blue. One RN who works from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., one LPN and two nursing assistants on duty from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. make up one nursing team. They work two days and are off two days, with a week end of Saturday, Sunday and Monday every other weekend. The total hours of work for the two week pay period is 63. Those on the blue team supply the nursing care when the gold team is off. No nurse or nursing assistant works more than three consecutive days in any week. With such a schedule any staff member can plan for a full year without interruption. A staff member can work overtime one day for payment in case of sickness of another. There are seven paid days for vacation. The same nursing personnel takes care of the same Residents, so there is no confusion about constant change of staff, which is so disturbing to Residents. Thus both feel secure and the nursing personnel seem happy about their work and the needs of the Residents are met.

A staff of one LPN and two nurse assistants are on the afternoon shift from 3:00 p.m. to 12 midnight. The night shift consists of one LPN and one nurse assistant. They are on duty from 12:00 midnight to 8:45 a.m. The advantage of over-lapping hours lies in providing assistance at stress

hours. These are in the morning, when care must be provided for those who cannot wash their faces and hands or brush their teeth before breakfast and for those who need help with dressing and going to the dining room. Another stress period is from about 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. At this time, most Residents want or need more attention and seem more agitated. Extra time is also needed from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with dinner and supervision and aid in the dining room.

... The prompt response to the call or intercom signal is extremely impressive, providing a sense of security most Residents need. A loving discipline also aids this and obviates the almost constant getting up from the places provided in the dining room, and not finding or recognizing the place after getting up. The security that lies in the concern shown each Resident eliminates the repeated call for a nurse. Families who think that sitters are the answer to the needs of their family member only contribute to the difficulty by taking away their self-reliance, sparse though it may be.

There is also the negative aspect—when Residents able to care for their needs demand service from others who are often less able to do so, i.e., wanting to have their wheelchairs pushed while using their arms and legs gives them the exercise they need. Residents are here for the service they paid for, and not to contribute to unreasonable demands from others, though they may feel that they are servicing the needy.

There may be difficulties due to personal problems of Residents who strike out at anyone because of actual or imaginary rejection by family and friends, which they often take out on the staff by cursing or foul language. Frequently the resentment seems to be due to pressure of getting still competent people into a Home. Given time to come to a personal con-

clusion that they no longer are able to function in their own home would eliminate this feeling. It would also give them time to dispose of their treasures to friends and family members who would care for these after death. Some feel that their families push them out to control and annex their property.

Please Tell Me

by Grace Chaplin, Admissions Coordinator

What are the procedures necessary for admission to the Home?

1. An initial inquiry to us requesting an application and medical forms. At this time tell us something about the applicant—his or her capabilities, disabilities, and physical condition; where living—own home, with family, or hospitalized; and whether there are financial problems.

2. Return forms as soon as possible. If applicant has been hospitalized in the past two (2) years, we require a hospital discharge summary; if applicant is in hospital at present, please have the hospital send a history and physical to us. Family or applicant must request these from the hospital.

3. We definitely require a visit from the family. We strongly urge a visit from the applicant if at all possible. If not we will try and arrange for one of our staff to visit the applicant.

4. If there are financial problems, the applicant and/or family must apply for Medicaid in the county of residence (must be North Carolina). Medicaid requires detailed financial and medical information. Medicaid applicants must be Jewish and qualify for either intermediate or skilled nursing care.

5. When all papers are returned to the Home, the Admission Com-

mittee will evaluate the need and type of care needed. If the committee feels the Home can best meet the applicant's needs, the applicant's name will be placed on the waiting list.

6. An applicant must be willing to come to live at the Home.



Wachovia Little Symphony Concert

by Josephine Rappaport

The concert evoked a past, relived with memories deeply carved from childhood to a ripe age, frequently beyond the quoted "three score and ten." The music recalled a lifetime: the early twenties, with the lively Irish tune, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling"; the thirties, with "Shine on Harvest Moon"; the memory of an Austria full of joy and laughter in "Edelweiss",

changed by Hitler with the sorrow of bygone days; the stirring Sousa marches that made young legs march with them; the pride of the youths in "Yankee Doodle Dandy"; the song and dance of Spain with "Malaguena"; the music of "Hava Negilah", deep and heartrending in Jewish breasts; the deep feeling of emotion in our national anthem in the glorious "from sea to shining sea";

hymns of devotion, commitment and hope for the future.

All these and more, managed by an understanding and creative conductor and executed by an excellent group of musicians gave joy to an aged, appreciative group of people who wish to thank you all for this great endeavor.



Bob Long, one of the Home's neighbors from Meadowbrook, plays a mean bassoon! He also serves as conductor for the Souza marches.



John Turnbull plays "Hava Nagilah" while the crowd of approximately 200 sings and claps along.



Bob Mayer conducts the Wachovia Little Symphony while Earl King leads the audience in song.

The Wachovia Little Symphony Concert was made possible by a grant from the Arts Council, the NC Arts Council, the Grass Roots Arts Bill and the Morris Brenner Foundation.

What's Been Happening?



Virginia Ward, of the Dietary Department, begins special preparations for the High Holy days.



L-R: Benjamin Vatz, Charles Salzberg & Betty Grobstein take their weekly poker game seriously.



Dr. Joan Rogers and Teepa Snodgrass, occupational therapists from UN Chapel Hill, led an in-service training session for members of the Home's staff. In developing support for a feeding program for Residents who have difficulty feeding themselves, they have capped staff members and asked them to eat their lunches. Here Grace Chaplin, Admissions Coordinator, and Linda Babb, recreation worker, struggle through their meal. Dr. Rogers is in the background.



The Stars of David close out a winning season. Congratulations to Joan Durham, Danny Welch, Virgil & Bill Bright, Jerome McCloud, Dave Hendrix, Paul Furrow, Bob Milman, Marcia Waters, Jan Sawyer, Walt Siddon and Rick Rogers.

Charlotte Hummer and her daughter Karen examine a ceramic dish made by Mrs. Luella Morris (Charlotte.) The Home especially thanks Charlotte for her dedicated volunteer efforts in establishing a weekly ceramics program.



Charles Saltzberg, Eleanor Helen Schwartzman, Edward Timmerman, Abe Fine, Ann Lentz and Ann Spear were among those who attended the monthly luncheon meeting of the Clemmons Senior Citizens Club.

HOME UNDERGOES ANNUAL MEDICAID REVIEW

E.D.S. Federal, the agency employed by the State to perform the annual Medicaid study, sent two consultants to the Home during July. The consultants spent a total of eight days on site, performing the most comprehensive survey of services made to date. There were several specific suggestions made to help improve the Home's services. Yet the Review Team was very impressed with the Home's thoroughness and quality of care, and asked if they might use the Home as a model for other facilities in the area.

The Review Team noted that individual Resident Care Plans have undergone many changes and improvements during the past year, and considered these plans to be one of the major ways in which the Home's staff has im-

proved and refined service.

The Team's Report noted that "Nursing care in this facility is excellent. Patients are treated with dignity and respect. Personal grooming receives constant attention. . . The staff were extremely cooperative and helpful during the review. They exhibit a detailed knowledge of their patients, especially the priority problems and what approaches are being carried out. There is a true team approach and concern for giving the highest quality of care. The Review Team wishes all staff continued success and progress in the coming year."

Finally, the Team recommended that there be no adjustments in the existing level of care determinations, and agreed that all residents were appropriately placed in either skilled or intermediate care level units.

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It has become a beautiful tradition for people to express their interest in the Home by making commemorative gifts. Over the years these generous donations have greatly enriched the quality of life for the Home's Residents. The prayers and thanks of our Residents are expressed for the contributions made to the Home from August 5, 1980, to September 5, 1980.

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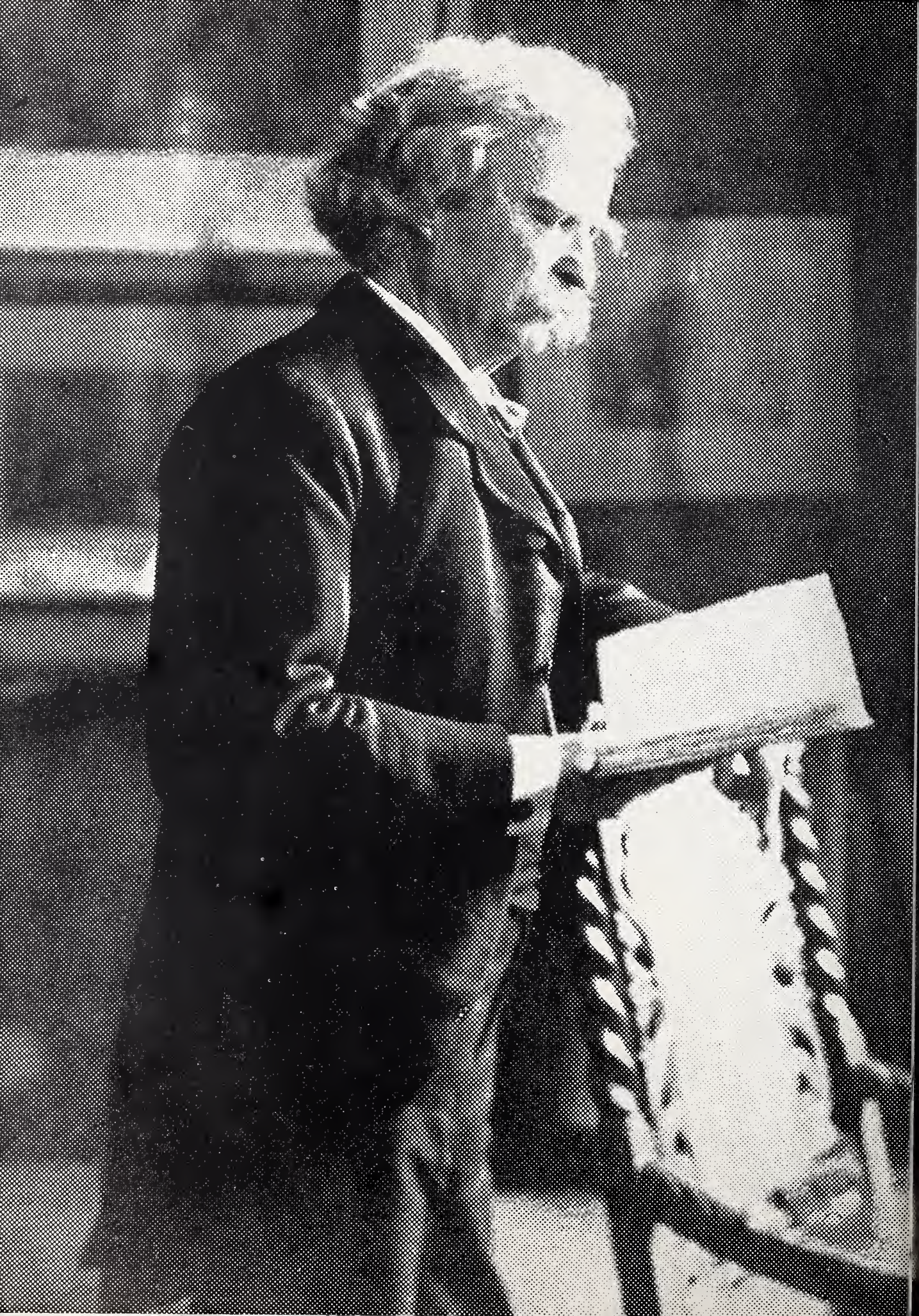
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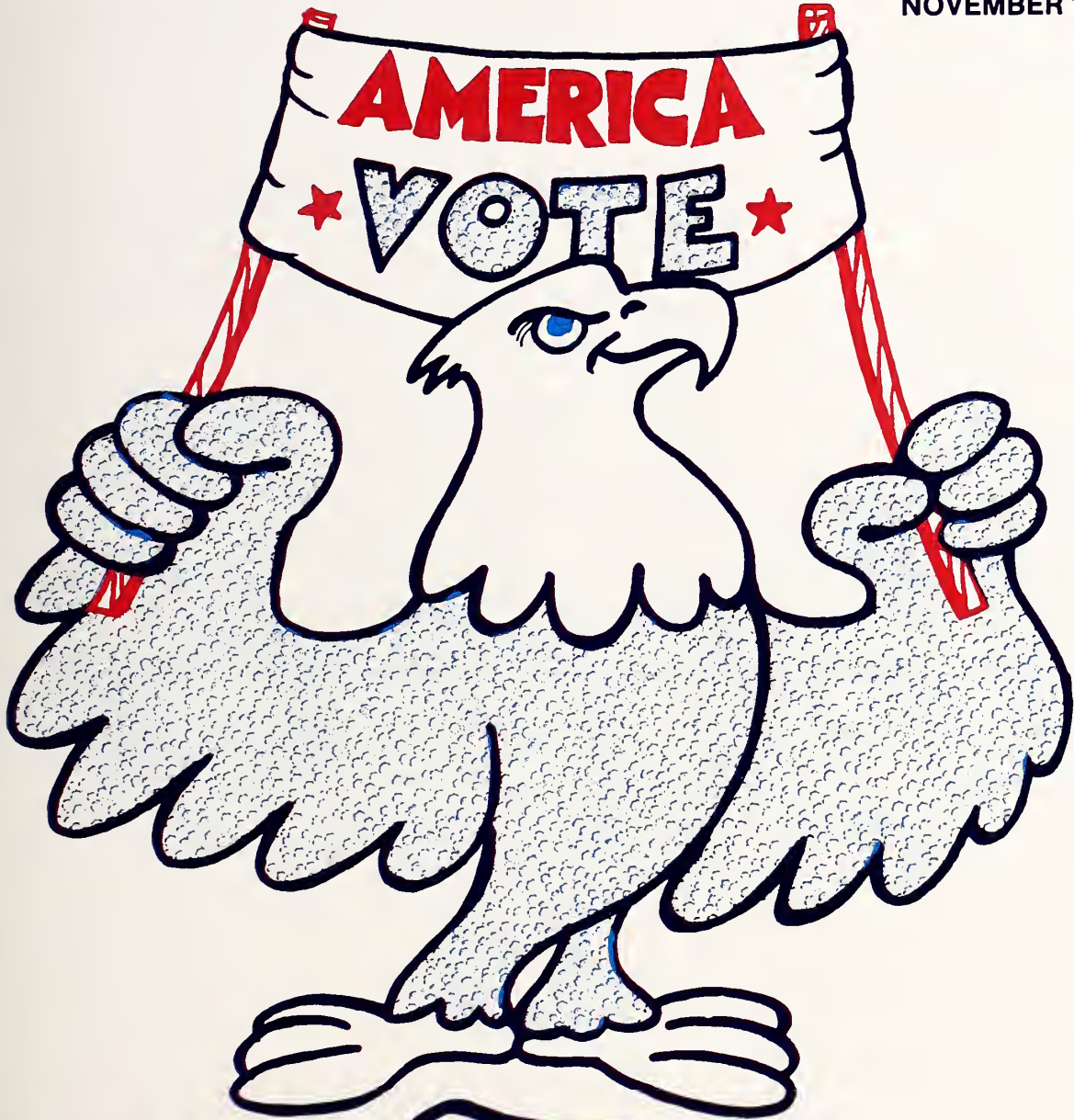
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From The Desk Of The Editor

Sam Levenson is dead. That event marks an era that is ending.

There remain too few who write and speak with intimacy to the general public from a background like his. Traits of Jewish character revealed by him have served to enhance the image of Judaism in America, and in his feeling for humanity, he represented Jews as an effective segment of our society.

The depth of his Jewish background combined with his knowledge of American society and his good-natured humor were a credit to all of us. He had the good judgment not to perform too frequently, he offended no one, and gained the affection of the general public. "Humor is no laughing matter," he said, and he dealt with some of life's most serious concerns.

Although he stopped teaching

in a classroom long ago, his words continued to educate people in his audiences and readers of his books. He spoke about Jewish customs and Jewish attitudes in a manner both genteel and pleasantly amusing, so that the uninformed might feel they were being let in on a secret, while those already familiar with his references chuckled along with him.

As he grew older, Sam Levenson became increasingly critical of mankind's behavior; yet, he never despaired, possibly because he believed that there remain on earth enough "Mentshen" to give us a chance for survival. About that survival he said, "He obviously can live in space and in the sea. It's the area in between he can't handle." He was a good observer and listener, and he liked

to quote, in their vernacular, what others said by saying, "Like they say . . ."

Aware of the changes around him, he seasoned his comments on human conduct with humor which made his philosophy palatable to all. He never forgot the moral teachings of his parents nor did he question those values. As a philosopher of the people, he may be classed with Will Rogers. We are fortunate to have a record of much of his thinking preserved in his books.

Estelle Hoffmar

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Building Bridges Between Jews and Christians

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

Bridge building between Jews and Christians in Western Europe is far less advanced than in the United States, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel, chairman of ADL'S Program Committee, said this "disturbing picture" emerges from a survey of Jewish-Christian relations in eight European countries, published in the latest issue of the League's interreligious bulletin, "Face to Face". The publication is distributed predominantly to Christian theologians, clergymen and lay persons.

Included in the issue is a special section on Passion Plays containing articles by an Episcopal priest, the Director of ADL'S Program Division, and a professor of Catholic Thought and Interreligious Dialogue. The survey reveals that efforts are being made by Western European Christian leaders to remove prejudices transmitted through church teachings and liturgy, but with no urgency or sense of priority. Jewish-Christian contacts are carried out mainly between the Catholic Church and the Jewish community, although there is insufficient progress in implementing Vatican II directives in Catholic countries to remove anti-Jewish references from the liturgy.

In West Germany, currents of anti-Semitism persist, according to Pastor Ulrich Schwemer, a chairman of an Evangelical Committee on Church and Israel. Some ministers even link the Holocaust with the crucifixion. The notion of evangelizing among

Jews remains alive. Educational efforts, particularly by Catholic and Evangelical Churches and increasing contacts with Israelis are hopeful signs.

Switzerland has a Jewish population of only .3% of the total, but although Jew wield almost no influence in Swiss society, there are vestiges of anti-Semitism. Some clubs do not admit Jews and there is anti-Zionism in extreme leftist circles. The Swiss feel no guilt associated with Hitler's persecution of Jews; therefore, they feel little urgency. However, Jewish-Christian contacts and dialogues are becoming more numerous.

In Austria there is the Institute for Judaism at the University of Vienna, which seeks to correct statements on Jews in religious textbooks and prayer books. Periodic declarations against anti-Semitism are issued, especially in Vienna.

A Jewish-Christian dialogue has been taking place in Britain since the 1920's through the Council of Christians and Jews. Catholics have accomplished the most, spurred by Vatican II, to eliminate negative references to Jews, but the Protestant churches are apathetic. Heavy Arab influences in British life have an impact on church attitudes.

Signs of anti-Semitism persist in many areas of French life, although there has been a recent increase in literature devoted to Jews and Judaism. Jews are barred from the diplomatic service in France.

Italians have a good record of relations with Jews, but are apathetic about anti-Semitic influences in the liturgy. The Jewish population in Italy is so small that it is difficult to organize Catholic-Jewish dialogues.

Although recently there has been some progress in contact between Catholic-Jewish dialogues. Although recently there has been some progress in contacts between Catholic and Jewish scholars and community leaders, it is a concern that the instructions of Vatican II have not been fully implemented. Furthermore, the radical New Left carries anti-Israel attitudes and there have been outbreaks of vandalism against Jewish cemeteries and synagogues.

The situation in Spain is similar to that in Italy. However, there are institutionalized contacts between Jews and Catholics and The Sisters of Zion are active in Spain.

In Belgium, in spite of well established contacts between Christians and Jews, there is evidence of anti-Semitism from right wing and neo-Nazi groups. A group of Bishops is carrying out a program of textbook revision, and B'nai B'rith has been giving courses and lectures on Judaism and Christianity since 1976.

Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault, an Episcopal priest, who produces medieval drama, argues that no amount of revision can cure the medievalism of anti-Jewish basis. The nature of Passion Plays, she says, is to depict "good guys" vs "bad guys". She feels the Passion must be restored "to its essential Jewishness", and should be cast as a modern work, not a medieval period piece.



Building Bridges at Wildacres

by Estelle Hoffman

The Christian-Jewish Congress of South Carolina held its first institute at Wildacres September 5th to 7th. The agenda was planned by Mrs. Meta Miller of Columbia, who was Coordinator of the institute.

Jewish Friday Evening and Saturday Morning Services were conducted by Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman of Charlotte. Friday night's program was led by Mrs. Betty Cantor of the ADL office of B'nai B'rith in Atlanta. Her topic was "Christian Beliefs and Anti-Semitism". In her presentation she used the findings of a five-year study made by a research committee of the University of California at Los Angeles, which was funded by \$500,000 raised by ADL specifically for that purpose. The Department of the University which that committee represented has wide esteem, and its report, in the substance of seven volumes, exerted influence in many spheres, including Vatican II. The discussion which followed Betty Cantor's talk was led by Rev. Philip Whitehead of Columbia. "We need to learn what hurts each other."

Saturday morning's program, after Religious Services, was delivered by Dr. John Gillison of Sumter, who is President of the Christian Action Council and Pastor of A.M.E. Methodist Church, an Ordained Itinerant Elder. He spoke on "Black Perspectives on Religion and Prejudice," stressing the need for understanding, brotherhood, and white support. Black goals are persuasion of individuals to be honest with themselves, to become actively involved in improving black-white relations, and to have courage to defy traditions. Dr. Whitehead led the discussion which followed.

Free time during Saturday afternoon was filled with nature

walks. Boyd Mattison, of the Wildacres staff, led one group on a trail on Wildacres grounds, another group went to Crabtree Meadows and hiked to Crabtree Falls.

A Catholic Mass was conducted by Rev. J. Michael Burton of Columbia, with detailed explanation of the Ritual. All participants of the Institute gathered for Jewish Services on Friday and Saturday morning, and all attended the Mass.

The program Saturday night was a speech by Mr. Rhett Jackson of Columbia, "My Attempts to Overcome Racism and Prejudice: Painful Process Offers Hope." His frank description of his remarkable personal experience and his ensuing actions instill hope in the spirit of all men of good will. It is fortunate that Rhett Jackson serves in many capacities which enable him to exercise significant influence on many Americans. Besides widespread national activity within the Methodist Church, he and his wife, Betty, are proprietors of THE HAPPY BOOK SELLER in Columbia. He participates in civic affairs, serving on the Pardon and Parole Committee, and he fights racism, prejudice, and bigotry in every occupation. He regards as a miracle the recognition that "the culture that spawns us fills us with our prejudices," and he cited the needs in church and synagogue to question our assumptions. Discussion was conducted by Dr. Carl Evans, President of the Christian-Jewish Congress of South Carolina, a Theologian and Professor in the Department of Religion at the University of South Carolina. His learning and understanding were an excellent contribution to the Institute.

Christian Protestant Services on Sunday Morning were led by Rev. Rufus Brown and Rev. Howard

McClain. Some members volunteered expressions of their impressions and sentiments. After the Open Service Sunday morning, a panel discussion revealed the rapport which members of the Institute had achieved. Panelists were Mrs. Betty Cantor, Mr. Rhett Jackson, and Dr. Carl Evans. The Moderator was Mr. David Wallace of Columbia. There was a closing luncheon at noon Sunday, and the climate left little doubt that the experience of this Retreat would be repeated next year.

This writer tried to express the attitude which prevailed with these lines:

*We know that on many occasions
Men of different religious
presuasions
Have slaughtered and raved—
O my, how they've behaved
Through the history of all
generations!*

*We don't need someone to abuse,
And this Conference of Christians
and Jews*

*Leaves no room for doubt
What our Country's About—
We all have the freedom to choose.*

—Estelle Hoffman





Carolina Character



Al Smith: Footprints in the Sands of Time

by Morris Speizman

Alfred Eli Smith was a major factor in determining the course of history for the Jewish community of Charlotte from the third to the seventh decade of this century. During those years, he developed from an adventurous and enthusiastic young man into a pillar of integrity in the life of the entire community.

The only son of Morris Benjamin and Bella Smith, Al was born in Chicago. The family moved to Charlotte when he was three years old and he lived in this city for his entire life. Al, who enjoyed a drink now and then, was fond of saying that his taste for the fruit of the vine came from being born in a flat over his father's saloon.

The youngest of four children, his three sisters, Hattie, Gertrude, and Ethel met and married Jewish spouses, and they too lived their entire lives in this area.

His father, "M. B." Smith ran a pawn shop and later a jewelry store, in the first block of East Trade Street. Young Al fashioned his own life by the mold set by his

father so it was only natural that he would enter the jewelry business. His extra curricular activities extended into the Demolay and Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order. He was the first State Master Counsellor of the Order of Demolay. He was the youngest president of the Charlotte Lion's Club in the history of the club. In later years, he served as a director of the Shrine Club and helped to stage the ceremonials for many years. He was awarded several marks of distinction in the Masonic Order and Shrine including membership in the Jesters and other organizations of a similar nature.

He was the president of M. B. Smith Jewelers, Inc., a business which was continued until 1958 when he sold the business and became a real estate broker. Al also served on the Better Business Bureau, the Red Cross Board and many other civic organizations.

So much for the facts. They merely recall the events but fail in every way to transmit the flavor

and the feeling which Al inspired in all whose lives he touched.

Al was a man of definite opinions and one who never hesitated to expound upon them at length. Everything he did was done with a feeling of thorough research and exacting efforts towards perfection. The result was that he often did \$100 worth of work for 50¢ of his real estate clients. He gave tirelessly of himself to every aspect of activity that concerned his friends, his family, his business, or his individual likes and dislikes. As for the latter, he never had any hesitation in expressing his feelings whenever the occasion demanded it. If there ever was a person who "let it all out", Al Smith was that man.

As a result, he did "ruffle some feathers", but those of us who knew him well, saw that behind the temporary strong statements there was an even stronger will to do the right thing, the ethical thing, and the honorable thing in the completest sense of the word.

Yes, he was sometimes in error, but never in doubt.

There are many evidences of his efforts to make Charlotte a better place for all of us. First and foremost, the Hebrew Cemetery to which he dedicated over forty-five years of his life. A heritage if one may call it such, from the interest and activity of his father, M. B. Smith, Al was available whenever there was a death in the community, to supervise the burial arrangements in fair weather or foul, at the shortest of notice.

He saw to it that the cemetery maintained its beauty and dignity at a time when most of us looked the other way, and to paraphrase the cliché, "Let Al do it".

When the time came in 1949 to build Temple Israel on its present location at 1014 Dilworth Rd., Al Smith was named Chairman of the Building Committee. Normally, this would mean that one would occasionally consult with the builder, the architect, etc. and see that things ran smoothly. However, that was not Al Smith's style. He was the "overseer of the superintendents" and could be found on the building site from the day the first spade of dirt was turned, until the building was dedicated in 1951. He not only put hours into the supervision of every aspect of the construction, he worried about it at night and probably shortened the lives of the architect and contractors by his constant insistence upon the finest of detail work in every facet of the construction of the temple. The result is that we have a well-built edifice that has withstood the ravages of time much better than might otherwise have been possible.

As a member of the Board of Directors of Temple Israel, Al was usually the person who took the most time to explain every facet of the questions at hand. He did not know how to give anything a "brush-off". Every item under consideration had to be analyzed carefully, expounded fully, and

decided upon very deliberately. As a result, there were very few short board meetings.

The same was true of his activities as a member of the Chevra Kadeshah which took care of the affairs of the Hebrew Cemetery, and I am sure his personal dedication to excellence was reflected in every other group of citizens with whom he participated in civic and other communal affairs. In the latter field, he was a member of the Civil Service Commission for a number of years.

People had the utmost confidence in his integrity as a jeweler but he did not have the aggressiveness that would lead him to expanding his shop into a large chain of jewelry stores such as was done during the '40's and '50's by other competitors in Charlotte, Greensboro, etc. As a matter of fact, one got the impression that his main interests were in the Shrine, the Jewish Community, the Cemetery and other areas, rather than the prosaic business of making a living. He, of course, spent many hours in the store but he spent as many more hours pursuing his "extra curricular" activities. He, I believe, personified more than anyone else the Main Street merchant who, in addition to being concerned with his own business, was involved with every aspect of the community's life around him.

His wife Ida and his two daughters, Linda and Myrna, along with the grandchildren, were central in his heart and affections. He was constantly aware of the activities of every member of his family and didn't hesitate to lend his advice (and sometimes criticism) of matters which affected it.

This involvement with those about him extended far beyond his family. He had a prodigious memory for details and became the oral historian of the Jewish community in this entire region. In his early days, it was common for young, adventurous swains to

travel to Wilmington, Charleston, Atlanta, Nashville and other places by car over the early roads, to attend dances and other social affairs. The result was that he had an enormous circle of friends and acquaintances from Norfolk to New Orleans and from Baltimore to Jacksonville.

As the years went by, these contacts were invaluable to him in his capacity as ADL Director for North Carolina along with other fraternal and communal organizations in which he participated.

Summing it all up, here was a man in the true sense of the word. A man who didn't hesitate to take a stand on any subject which concerned his emotions and his principles, a man who expressed his feelings articulately and thoroughly, and a man whose reputation as an honorable citizen was never to be doubted.

Indeed, he has left a deep imprint on the community which he served and loved.



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An Authentic American Hero: Zebulon Vance

by Richard A. Klein

Rabbi Eleazar said: "A man had two cows, one strong and one weak. Upon which will he lay the yoke? Surely upon the strong. So God does the same with the righteous."

And so God did with Zebulon Vance. In a book about Vance, Glenn Tucker wrote that the man was rugged, dynamic, controversial. He was one of the dominant personalities of the South—and especially North Carolina—for nearly half a century. He was dedicated to democratic institutions during the Civil War. Vance held North Carolina together during that trying time the way Lincoln kept the Union as one. Vance battled for personal rights. He was a powerful debater in the Senate during the 1880s and 1890s.

Zeb Vance dwelt in turmoil, wrote Tucker, yet laughed between the crises. He could command a regiment ably in battle and successfully defend himself in almost ceaseless verbal combat with Jefferson Davis over fundamental questions of government and states' rights.

Vance never built a political machine or personal organization. He never needed one. He never visited a North Carolina village but a crowd assembled. For three generations in North Carolina mountains, rarely was a form-memory-only story related without being prefaced by the remark, "Zeb Vance told this one, so I guess I can."

A fellow senator once said of Vance, "He believed what he said . . . This was the secret of his popularity, fame and success . . ."

On the other hand, *The Chicago Daily News* wrote that Vance's chief fame in Washington rests



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upon his success as a relater of tales which would hardly bear repetition in polite society."

But a New York journalist wrote that Zeb Vance was clearly presidential material. "If the State of

New York had Zeb Vance of North Carolina," he noted, "there is telling what he might become within the next four years."

He was four times elected United States Senator from North Carolina and three times governor of the state. Only his sense of humor, an inability to pass over a chance for a good joke, the kind that popped into his mind to illustrate a point, had retarded progress toward further greatness.

Vance's life is filled with colorful stories, including the ways he picked himself up from adversity. As a governor during the Civil War, he was arrested by order of the United States Secretary of War. Vance said to a friend:

" . . . I am not so much concerned about what may be in store for me, but my poor wife and little children—they have not a cent of money to live on. And then poor North Carolina. God knows what indignities she may yet be subjected to. Many a man in my position, having ships constantly running the blockade, would have feathered his nest by shipping cotton to Europe and placing the proceeds to his credit, and in fact I was frequently urged to do so, but thank God, I did not do it. My hands are clean and I can face my people and say that I have not made money out of position."

But a few years later, Vance was in the Senate—having been paroled and recovered financially. There is an interesting note in the history of Vance at this point. Vance needed transportation to get to the train that was ultimately to take him to prison. The man who furnished him that transportation was a Mr. Wittkowsky of Statesville. It was Wittkowsky who recorded Vance's remarks at

concerns about going to prison.

Samuel Wittkowsky, who drove him, was a Polish Jew, thirty years old, who had reached New York twelve years before with three dollars in his pocket. He had worked his way South, settled in Statesville and had a hatmaking firm. He had come to know Vance because the governor, after reaching Statesville, would often go to the general store of Isaac and David Wallace, two German Jewish friends of Wittkowsky.

Sam Wittkowsky's kindness and friendship bore abundant fruit. He moved to Charlotte in the aftermath of the war and prospered both in the retail trade and in textile manufacturing.

Wittkowsky was said to have been one of the group who organized the now exclusive Charlotte Country Club. Morris Speizman wrote in "The Jews of Charlotte" that Wittkowsky was believed to have been unhappy with his Jewish background and converted to Christianity.

He was first elected president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and the first Master of Excelsior Lodge No. 261, now North Carolina's largest Masonic lodge.

Despite Wittkowsky's strained ties with his Judaism, it is felt that he had a profound affect on his good friend, Zeb Vance. In fact, Wittkowsky may have been the primary reason for the most famous and memorable talk delivered by Zebulon Vance: "The Scattered Nation." As Morris Speizman noted, "The Scattered Nation" was a very moving and wonderful address and has been included in such reference works as "The Greatest Orations of All Time."

Originally intended as a document for Gentiles, it was delivered almost countless times before Gentile and Jewish audiences. The first reference to it was discovered about 1875, but it was then already well known. The oration has been described as a

perfect unit, and not easily condensed.

After an opening paragraph describing the Gulf Stream, the author sets forth a summary of his essay as follows:

"This curious phenomenon in the physical world has its counterpart in the moral. There is a lonely river in the midst of the ocean of mankind. The mightiest floods of human temptation have never caused it to dry up, although its waves for two thousand years have rolled crimson with the blood of its martyrs.

"Its fountain is in the grey dawn of the world's history, and its mouth is somewhere in the shadows of eternity. It too refuses to mingle with the surrounding waves, and the line which divides its restless billows from the common waters of humanity is also plainly visible to the eye. It is the Jewish race."

In 1927 B'nai B'rith showed appreciation of Vance by placing a stone in his memory in the "Westminster Abbey of the South," Calvary Episcopal churchyard at Fletcher, North Carolina. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York provided the dedication.

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The Simchat Torah service held at the Synagogue on the first night after taking possession of the building.

CONGREGATION BAYT SHALOM, GREENVILLE, N. C.

by Les Fuchs

During the Spring and Summer of 1977, four couples diligently worked to organize and incorporate Congregation Bayt Shalom in Greenville, N. C. Not only did Greenville not have a Synagogue, but it had only recently begun to have any significant number of Jewish families. Bayt Shalom, a conservative congregation, began functioning just before the High Holidays in 1977.

Ed Lieberman was our first President. We met in borrowed facilities with borrowed books every Friday night and had a religious school each Sunday. We were small in number (about 8 families) but enthusiastic. At that time, we were fortunate to have Victor Mallenbaum, a professor at East Carolina University and also an ordained Rabbi, donate his services to help get the Congregation going. Dr. Mallenbaum

served in this voluntary capacity for two years and through three Holiday seasons. We hired a student Rabbi from the Jewish Theological Seminary to assist during the Holidays our first year and have continued to do so ever since. The Congregation has never been disappointed by the quality of our student Rabbis.

The Jewish community continued to grow. Sam Pepkowitz served as our second President. It was during his second year in office that another milestone was reached. Rabbi David Kraus was hired to direct the religious school and teach Hebrew. Our school had grown, and we had about fifteen children enrolled. It was through Rabbi Kraus that we were introduced to the generosity of the Blumenthal Foundation.

Until the Spring of 1980, we were without a Torah. After being informed by Rabbi Kraus that the Foundation had a Torah available for loan, Les Fuchs, our President, contacted Herman Blumenthal. Mr. Blumenthal gladly arranged for Bayt Shalom to have the use of the Torah. Herman continued to be supportive of the Congregation and encouraged us to purchase a building promising financial help from the foundation.

We are all pleased that Herman's hopes and our prayers have been answered. The Congregation has just purchased a home to be used as a Synagogue! We finally have a place of our own. East Carolina Hillel will now have a place for their meetings and parties. Of course, the entire Jewish community will be able to use Bayt Shalom for Hadassah functions, B'nai B'rith affairs, B.B.Y. get-togethers or any Jewish event. For the first time in the history of Greenville, N. C., there is a Jewish piece of land. The approximately 25 members of Bayt Shalom are proud to be a part of the Mitzva. We are proud of our heritage and proud of the link we represent between the past and guaranteed future of Judaism.

We could not have reached this important point without the help of all the people mentioned above and more. Roz Fuchs has written our monthly "Shofar" bulletin for two and one-half years. Nac Levy and Victor Mallenbaum organized the religious school in its first year, and Valerie Hoffman was also enlisted as a teacher the following year. We were fortunate to have E.C.U. students J. Gleiberman, Amy Ruby and Alisa Graber help Rabbi Kraus, Les Fuchs and Jil Lynch with our religious school last year. Jon Rosen will be joining the above mentioned volunteer teachers for this year's school.

We have had yard sales, b'nei mitzvahs, fasts, brunches, cookouts and Oneg Shabbats on a regular basis. People have loaned us their homes for our functions, and the E.C.U. Methodist Student Center provided us with a chapel and classrooms. Our neighboring Jewish communities have also been helpful. Rocky Mount loaned us books and a Torah for our first High Holidays. Goldsboro and

then Kinston loaned us a Torah for use the following Holiday seasons. We appreciate all the support everyone has given us. We have functioned well under less than ideal conditions and grown. Now we expect to flower and blossom.

B'NAI SHALOM SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL, GREENSBORO

by Ronnie Kutchei

The rush of the Holidays is over and school has settled into its routine activities which proved to be not routine at all. The children have elected a student council who is responsible for making certain decisions in areas affecting the children. Some of these are allocation of Tzedaka donations, special programs, lunch time behavior, etc. There will be 3 different sets of council members elected during the year. This first council is governed by Alan Baggish, Pres., Jeremy Baggish, V.P., Neil Hyman, Sec.-Treas., and Andrew Mackler, Susie Hyman, Michal Cohen, Scott Kabat, Steven Kaiser and Ari Shaffir, class representatives. All are taking their responsibilities seriously and effectively. One of the council's first tasks was to get input from the student body regarding special activity clubs. This resulted in the establishment of 6 clubs led by the staff. These are a chess club, arts and crafts, cooking, writing, nature and drama. All the students are excited about participating in these enriching extra-curricular experiences.

The first school newspaper for the 1980-81 school year appeared in October. The paper is published monthly by the 6th graders and the capable editor for the first issue was Debbie Milgrim, who was busy coordinating the various writing contributions by the children.

Our director has been busy with small group discussions with parents in her home. Together they talked about expectations for the school: the students and parents. Various programs will emerge out of these discussions.

On October 11, the parents held an exciting evening at the home of Thomas and Linda Sloan. A covered dish supper, under the able coordination of Linda Baggish, served as apt background for a parent getting-to-know-you and a staff appreciation happening.

Topping our month was a visit to Greensboro by the "Israel Scene Mobile" B'nai Shalom Day School together with the Greensboro chapter of Hadassah locally sponsored this "Zionist Caravan—direct from Jerusalem". The caravan is under the auspices of the WZO and is designed to expose small communities to information, materials, posters, music, etc. of Israel. All the children were able to visit the scene-mobile and interact with the persons leading the caravan. The two visitors then joined the students for a rousing Kabbalat Shabbat.

DOLIN-SHOENTHAL WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Z. Shoenthal of Greensboro, N. C. announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Ruth, to Mr. Barry Marshall Dolin. Mr. Dolin is the son of Stanley Dolin of Greensboro and the late Mrs. Miriam (Mimi) Dolin. He is the grandson of Mrs. Annie Mendelsohn of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The ceremony took place at Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro with Rabbi Bernard Spielman of Randolph, Mass. and Rabbi Edward Feldheim of Greensboro officiating. Rabbi Juda Mintz of Atlanta led the Sheva Brachas at the reception which followed at Starmount Forest Country Club.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

by Lee Lewin

We trust you all have enjoyed the holidays, together with your families and friends, and we wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year. We also bid a fond farewell to our many summer visitors and friends who are leaving us for the winter months. May you all go in peace and return to us in peace, in the Spring, ready for another season of our mountain hospitality.

The holidays here in Hendersonville were once again a most beautiful experience. They were conducted with dignity and solemnity by Mr. Morris Kaplan, Mr. Fred S. Lewin and Mr. Morris Kalin. These gentlemen have, year after year, given generously of their time and devotion to the Shul, to Judaism and to the community at large. To show our appreciation to these men the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary again made their donation to the Red Mogen David in Israel and certificates of honor were presented to each of them. And since the holidays were so early this year, many of our summer visitors were still with us and their participation also added to the beauty of the services.

Aside from the religious aspect, it was physically more comfortable in Shul this year. A sound system was installed which made it easier for the people on the Bima and much more pleasant for the Congregants. No more straining of ears. Also a committee headed by Mr. Egon Timfold had been working for several weeks prior to the holidays to update and improve the Social Hall. Acoustical tile was installed in the ceiling, and carpet was put on the floor. Of course the ladies did their part. Mrs. Kalman Sherman and Mrs. Philip Mann were responsible for a comfortable pair of love seats, and Mrs. Mike Diamond was instrumental in purchasing material and having a wall drape made. All of these

improvements have made the room a most cheerful and comfortable one and we appreciate the cooperation of all who participated in this project. Since we had an overflow attendance in the Main Sanctuary, the Social Hall handled this overflow very well.

In between the preparation for, and the actual holidays, another successful picnic was held at Lake Julian. Also Slichot services were held, with a social get-together sponsored by the Men's Club, preceeding the services. Also at the regular meeting of the Jewish Ladies Auxiliary, the following officers were installed for the coming year: *President*, Mrs. Leonard Proper, *1st Vice-President*, Mrs. Egon Timfold, *2nd Vice-President*, Mrs. Mike Diamond, *Secretary*, Mrs. Morris Switzen, *Treasurer*, Mrs. Sam Williams, *Advisor*, Mrs. Fred S. Lewin.

In the celebrity corner we wish to extend a Mazel Tov to new arrival Ryan Andrew Fritz, the proud parents Robbyn and David Fritz, and the happy first-time grandparents, Ethel and Harry Fritz. Mazel Tov also to new arrival Andrew Deutsch and the proud parents, Carol and Robert Deutsch. May they all enjoy much happiness and naches from each other.

We also extend a Mazel Tov to Miss Lori Michalove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Michalove. Lori achieved the coveted Menora Award which is the Girl Scout's religious award. This was presented to her at a Friday night service. We applaud this achievement and extend good wishes to her and to her family.

And now comes a quiet time of year for us in the mountains. We will have time to appreciate and enjoy the fall beauty of nature, and we will rest and refresh ourselves physically and spiritually. Will see you next time with whatever news presents itself.

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN CHARLOTTE

by Estelle Goozner

BBW met for the first time this year at "A Personal Giving Campaign" luncheon at Temple Beth El Tuesday, September 16th at 10:45 a.m. Our keynote speaker was Beverley Davis, 2nd Vice-President of the International BBW. Also Iris Gross, Regional Director of the Mid-Atlantic region.

Peggy Gartner, Past President of HiLailah BBW gave the invocation.

We then partook of a luncheon of Quiche, salad and chocolate pie.

Loretta Barman, for a ceremony, lit our seven-branch Menorah depicting some of our many services to the community—Anti-Defamation League, Hillel, BB youth organizations, Civic Service, Sick Loan Chest, Senior Women etc.

David Cathcart, husband of our president, Terri Cathcart, helped with setting our tables and doing the photography for the event. Thanks to Lillian Sutta and Thelma Levy who worked diligently setting and decorating the tables. A special thanks to Susan Bruck who chaired the joyous occasion.

Congratulations to HiLailah Chapter for having won the annual Sidney G. Kusworm award again this year. It's given by the National BB organization for outstanding voluntary service to the community.

Senior Womens' handmade quilt was on display, and the raffle was drawn. Ethel Goodhart was the winner. She was so elated at winning that, like her name 'good heart', she returned it to BBW to be used again as another fund raiser for the organization. All proceeds go to the Childrens Home in Israel for emotionally disturbed young people, many whose parents have died in Middle East Conflict.

Sally Winokeur received from her husband, Herman, a gift of Life

Membership in BBW for her 32nd wedding anniversary. Miriam Wallace, our Anti-Defamation League Commissioner, presented Sally with a Life Membership pin.

Beverley Davis, our speaker, lauded our many achievements in Community Service—the originality of "Whistle Stop", our untiring efforts in establishing the Russian families, Sick Loan Chest etc. etc., and quoted, "that by serving we are enriched, and that by finding the unaffiliated and getting them involved for we need them". We all stood and gave a standing ovation to this woman who was once chosen "Woman of the Year" and who is a past Rockette but "claimed she didn't bring her dancing shoes to dance today but to speak BBW business".

Our president, Terri Cathcart gave a little gift to Mrs. Davis for a token of appreciation.

We each held a candle in a circle of friendship as a final ceremony. Our "Personal Giving Campaign" has made it possible to continue our wonderful services to the community.

The Benediction was recited by Joan Gordon.

Our BBW Calendar is in everyone's home in the Jewish Community and it arrived on time for the holidays. A big applause to Arlene Shapiro and Joan Gordon for their untiring efforts.

We had a Swim Party on August 9th at the home of our Host and Hostess, David and Fran Novak.

Mazel Tov to Susan Bruck on her winning the election as Vice Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Region of BBW.

Once again our BBW and Lodge members answered phones over Labor Day at Eastland Mall for the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. It was the 8 a.m. 'till 1 p.m. shift on September 1st.

Arlene Shapiro and Terri Cathcart attended the Advoca Council on August 31, 1980 on September 1, 1980.

BBW held a bake sale at the JC on September 1st.

Sick Loan Chest has found a new home and a good spot this time at the Charlotte Community Hospital on West Morehead. Helen Fligel heads this wonderful service to the community.

Miriam Wallace has received a Silver Menorah Award pin from National for signing up more than five Life Members.

We received special recognition and congratulations for having signed up at least 10% of our total membership as Life Members.

Charlotte Chapter BBW and the Jewish Community Center are pleased to have the "Alive" series to continue. An expanded in-depth course entitled "New Vistas". Some topics will be self and family, comparative religions, politics and other topics of interest. "New Vistas" will meet Wednesday morning at the JCC, 9:30 a.m. 'till 11:30 a.m., starting date October 1st.

BBW wants to wish everyone in the Jewish Community a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

STATESVILLE

by Mrs. Ben Katz

The month of Elul is one of business and buy-i-ness and in that order, the regular Congregation meeting was held on Thursday, August 23rd with President Cecil Ram presiding. The necessary reports concerning the coming Holidays were presented and everyone agreed that everything was in readiness. Presiding at the opening meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was President Judy Ram. She welcomed Mrs. Braverman, a guest and mother of Jacquie Homesley and asked for several reports which included the presentation of the Budget for the year 1980-81 by treasurer, Joyce Lipshitz, Sunday School by Joanne Rosenfeld and Break The Fast, chaired by Jacquie Homesley, Rona Gordon, Gene Gordon

and aided by Betty Lee. The business meeting was preceded by conversation and dinner, chaired by Judy and Bea Katz, and during the meeting, a gift and fond farewell words were said to Mary VanHoose who was returning to Baltimore with son Jesse.

Those who had been on the go prior to this time were: the Rams to Myrtle Beach, the Michael Beckers to attend a family wedding; Louis Gordon, son of Toby and Kalman attending a special Science Camp at Appalachian University; Hanna and Howard Adler, making a brief visit to Portland before going down the coast to Los Angeles to attend the wedding of their son Stuart to Molly Tannenbaum. Our good wishes and congratulations to the entire Adler family!

Visitors here were the children of Leonard and Ruth Polk; Paul and his wife Melanie from Hartford, Conn., Edward, his wife Jan and their son Aaron from Miami and their daughter Barbara from Chapel Hill.

Noting the many going back to school: Wendy Gordon, freshman at the University of Georgia, daughter of Toby and Kalman; Lauren Adler, returning to the same school for her senior year, daughter of Howard and Hanna; Mark Gordon, another returnee to Georgia at the School of Pharmacy, son of Ellis and Barbara; Richard Gordon, leaving Catawba for UNC-CH, son of Rona and Alfred; Jennifer Schneider, for her last year at Lenoir Rhyne, daughter of Jacquie Homesley and Albert Schneider; Susan Gordon returning to the University of Miami, daughter of Gene and Saul, and Mark Katz, to finish his senior year at the Dental School, UNC-Ch, son of Bea and Ben. Also continuing their Adult Education are Joanne Rosenfeld and Ruth Goldstein.

On Wednesday evening, September 10, we, as all Jews every-

where, ate a special dinner, donned our holiday clothes and set off for the Synagogue to usher in the year 5741. Setting the mood and conducting services for us this year was Robert Covin of Atlanta and joining him for the holidays here with us were his wife Shelley, and his children Joshua and Stacy. Entertaining them for the various meals were the Winthrops, the Rams, the Katz', the Adlers and Melvin Gordon. Rosh Hashanah provided us with the joy and delight of tunes and melodies almost forgotten; shofar blowing by our own Saul Gordon better than ever, and a community drawn together to celebrate the Simha Shel Yom Tov. The chanting of Kol Nidray on Friday evening, September 19th, set a more solemn mood which though quiet did not depress us for when it came time for Ne'ilah service, everyone was prepared to stand until the end, finish with a resounding Mincha-Maariv service, Havdallah, for without those two, there could be no sounding of the Shofar on Shabbat. The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored their annual Break the Fast and everyone left the Synagogue with a renewal of hope and faith in the year to come.

Visiting with us for one or both of the holidays were: Lauren, Stuart and Molly Adler; the senior Rosenfelds from Springfield, New Jersey to son Larry and his family; Charlotte Gordon Margolis and husband Mark from Durham; Richard Gordon; Anita Shapiro, sister of Toby Gordon and her family; to Leah Hoffman, her son John from Winston-Salem, and cousins from the Caymen Islands and Jerome Stephany from Chicago; Jacquie Homesley welcomed Jennifer, son Josh and daughter Cissie, in addition to her parents, the Bravermans from Florida; the Mort Lerner's had son Richard, and the Max Lerner's had daughter Rhonda, now teaching at UNC-G, son Jackie and Lynn; Mark

Katz was in for Yom Kippur as well as the Sterns, daughter Donna and family with the Nat Lipshitz'; Michale and "Butch" Ram were in from Charlotte; the Silbermans entertained their two sons, Martin and Bruce, their families as well as grandchildren and a niece from Rock Hill. It was also their pleasure to host Oneg Yom Tov on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We were also pleased to note the usual numbers who have graced our services because "they are strangers in our town"—a gentleman from New Hampshire doing business with Blackwelders Furniture Store; a young man from Florida with a circus as a PR man, and others from Hickory and surrounding towns.

Rounding out the activities of the busy weekend was the Installation and Induction of New Members for the Kadima B'nai B'rith Youth Group of Statesville-Hickory-Salisbury. Held at the Statesville Country Club on Sunday afternoon, the present officers were properly relieved of their offices following a buffet lunch, and the new ones installed. They are: president, Rachel Kurzer of Drexel; vice president, Susan Cohen of Hickory; Louis Gordon of Statesville, secretary, and Jennie Kurzer of Drexel, treasurer. Judy Kurzer was thanked for the many hours given as advisor, and in answering, she asked for the continued support of all parents who were present.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, this correspondent takes this opportunity to thank the editors and staff of this magazine for their help in publishing the articles concerning the Jewish Community of Statesville, and reluctantly informs her friends who have read "her journalistic efforts" these many years that she is now retired from said position.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL FLORENCE, S. C.

by Bea Rogol

After a very hot and humid summer, it's time once more for a busy season to get under way.

During the summer months, services were held in our TYG Lounge, which doubles as a small chapel. There we held abbreviated Sabbath Services, after which we participated in informal discussions on Bible, current events or Jewish history. These Friday nights were interesting and gave those in attendance the opportunity to question and learn.

Our Youth Group held a successful Leadership Training Meeting in Florence in early summer. TYG's new officers for 1980-81 are: *President*, Jessica Grossman; *Vice-President*, Stacy Heiden; *Treasurer*, Derek Heiden; *Secretary*, Caren Walberg; *Advisor*, Patty Lovit.

Congratulations to Dr. Abe and Ruth Greenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Louise Brody Greenberg, to their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Stuart and Rebecca Greenberg.

Rabbi and Mrs. Howard Folb attended a five-day conference of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The theme of the conference was "The Role of the Modern American Reform Rabbis". On their return, Rabbi Folb shared his thoughts on this conference with the congregation, and started implementing some of the new ideas he brought back.

One of the Temple's summer projects was a "Pitch-In Day". On a designated day volunteers from the congregation came to help clean up and set straight the individual rooms in our Temple facility. The work day turned into a "fun day", and culminated in a free fish dinner prepared by Dr. Eric Heiden, with dessert prepared by Patty Lovit, for everyone who

participated. Incidentally, all the fish served was that which was caught personally by Eric.

In August, there was the Bar Mitzvah of Charles Levy, son of Aaron B. Levy and Dean Levy. Our congratulations to each of them as well as to Charlie's proud grandparents, Herb and Martha Levy.

The New Year opened with the traditional Selichot Service. After first gathering for a short Havdalah Service, followed by the movie, "Me and the Colonel" with Danny Kaye, and movie-type refreshments, we entered the sanctuary for the beautiful Selichot Service and Temple Beth Israel formally ushered in the New Year.

The Affiliates have already held their first meeting of the year, which was a paid-up membership meeting, and very well attended. At that time the Temple officers and Board and the Affiliates officers and Board were installed by Rabbi Folb. Temple officers for the years 1980-82 are: *President*, Leslie Levy; *Vice-President*, Patty Lovit; *Secretary*, Mildred Cohen; *Treasurer*, Budd Levine. Affiliates officers for the years 1980-82 are: *President*, Bruce Siegal; *Vice-President*, Sandy Levy; *Secretary*, Barbara Hesse; *Treasurer*, Leslie Levy.

Master Chefs, Bertha Master and Lois Wolpert once again gave us a wonderful Break-Fast meal after Yom Kippur services. We are very fortunate to have these two ladies in our midst who, for many years now and with the help of many of our congregants, have brought us their delicious "Litvak" meal that tastes so good after a day of fasting. And all this at no charge to our congregants.

We are very happy to welcome eight new families into our Temple family. After losing several hard working families through moving we are indeed grateful that these new members come at this particular time. They are: Dr. and Mrs. Stuart (Rebecca) Greenberg; Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Judy

Kammer; Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Esta) Pinkas; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Lucille) Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Philip (Lil) Singer; Mr. and Mrs. Tillye King; Mr. and Mrs. Warren (Faye) Mood and Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Shirley) Webb.

From our Temple family to yours, a very healthy and happy New Year.

STATESVILLE

Durham, North Carolina, is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Ralph Adler. They were married in Northridge, California, at Temple Ramat Zion on August 30, 1980. Mrs. Stuart Adler is the former Martha Molly Tennenbaum, a graduate of the University of California at Davis, where she graduated with honors in June of 1978 and received a B. S. degree in textile science. She received her M. S. degree in textile chemistry in July from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, and will be employed by International Business Machines as a polymer chemist. Stuart Ralph Adler of Statesville graduated *magna cum laude* in June, 1975, from Harvard College, with a B. A. degree in biochemical sciences. He is enrolled in a medical scientist program at Duke University, where he hopes to receive his M. D. and Ph.D. degrees in biochemistry.

N. C. HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE

by Rose Massachi

On October 12th, a huge attic sale was held on the school grounds, offering both new and used merchandise. This was the Hebrew Academy's first try at this type of sale, and it was very successful. A warm thank you goes out to the entire community for generously contributing items for the sale. Co-Chairpersons, Doris

Bernstein and Mary Gordon extend a special thanks to everyone who helped in its coordination, and also to all those who patronized it.

According to Raphael Panetz, Academy Director, October 18th began a new monthly program for all Academy students, in conjunction with Temple Israel. One Saturday each month the students will meet in the Educational Building at Temple Israel, following which they will join the congregation to participate in the services in the main sanctuary. On October 18th, Daniel Brenner, son of Saul and Martha Brenner, spoke to the congregation.

HADASSAH DONOR'S LUNCHEON


by Henrietta Wallace

The Annual Donor's luncheon of the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah will be held Wednesday, November the 19th, at the Radisson Plaza

Hotel. This outstanding 11:30 a.m. luncheon will provide an excellent menu of a salad bar and dessert for \$7.50 per person. Luncheon reservations must be made by Friday, November 14th, with Mrs. Sue Appelbaum, telephone 364-8816 or Mrs. Shelley Bregman, telephone 568-0979.

Mrs. Sandra Levine, President of Charlotte's Chapter of Hadassah, will preside over this luncheon. Montaldo's will delight the group with a Fashion Show with the theme, "An Affair to Remember". Models will exhibit clothes and fashions for any hour, from cocktail to business needs. Mr. Loonis McGlohon of Charlotte, will provide background music that will complement the beauty of this event.

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THE CHALLENGE OF TRYING TIMES

by Yonina Rosenthal

A rude awakening of an insulated American Jewry is occurring. Recent attacks on Jews, both physical and verbal, have jolted our memories and reminded us that anti-Semitism is ever present. These events are not limited to Europe or the Middle East or even Skokie; they occur in our own backyard, having an impact on our comfortable Southern existence.

Recent months have brought us shock after shock: North Carolina Nazi party leader, Harold Covington, captured an astounding number of votes in the N. C. Primary Election; the Reverend Bailey Smith declared that God does not "hear" Jewish prayers; a French Synagogue packed with Sabbath worshippers was bombed, killing three Jews and wounding a score; evangelicals seeking to christianize the country are being wooed by politicians of all persuasions.

Events such as these make us all uneasy, remind us of our history. Those among us who have a strong Jewish identification react and unify to see that there will be a Jewish response; that "never again" will Jews be caught unawares. Having a Jewish identification is more than just "being Jewish". It signifies a broad commitment to Jewish social values, a concern for the preservation and well-being of Jews throughout the world, and an acceptance of responsibility for both.

Perhaps one of the best ways for Jewish women to express their identification with the Jewish people and the values of Judaism is through membership in the **North Carolina Association of Jewish Women**. The **NCAJW** was formed

to represent the highest ideals of Jewish consciousness and has promoted social and educational programs throughout its almost sixty years of existence. Projects such as the Blumenthal Home for the Aged, funding of university scholarships, and support of the U.N.C.-Duke Judaic Studies program are all examples of **NCAJW** efforts.

More recently, the **NCAJW** has become active on the North Carolina scene and has supported humanitarian programs and policies that benefit all the citizens of North Carolina. We are active participants in the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations, an umbrella organization of all of the women's groups in the State. The **NCAJW** is a supporting member of the North Carolina State Council for Social Legislation and one of our members, Eva Gerstel, sits on that Board. We also have a representative, Minnie Sutker, on the Board on the American Freedom Association. The **NCAJW** represents its members in all of these activities on three counts—as North Carolinians, as Jews, and as women.

The uniqueness of the **North Carolina Association of Jewish Women** is that it enables its members to be "activists". Activists on behalf of the underlying values of Judaism that teach social justice and responsibility for our fellow man; activists in presenting the views of the Jewish community—be they on social questions or on basic political rights—to our fellow North Carolinians.

TAKE A MINUTE— POLL YOURSELF

Dear Friends:

As North Carolinians of the

Jewish faith I would ask you to take a few moments to complete the following questionnaire:

1. Do you believe in a Jewish Home for the Aged in North Carolina, be it for you, loved one or friends?
_____yes_____no.

2. Do you believe in a Loan and Scholarship Fund for worthy students in need of financial assistance. (race, creed, color, no withstanding)?
_____yes_____no.

3. Do you believe in a philosophy and ideology which devotes itself to freedom and patriotism?
_____yes_____no.

4. Do you believe in giving aid and encouragement to the organization and maintenance of Jewish religious schools in North Carolina?
_____yes_____no.

5. Do you believe in leadership training seminars for women?
_____yes_____no.

6. Do you believe in providing universities with books based on Jewish History, culture, religion etc.?
_____yes_____no.

7. Do you believe in your ability to affect social reforms in North Carolina?
_____yes_____no.

If you have answered as many as five questions in the affirmative, strongly urge you to (re) join the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. By becoming member of the **NCAJW** we can support those beliefs that heretofore were unresolved.

Your **NCAJW** membership due of \$10.00 (\$7.50 for Senior Citizens) provides:

(1) Support of the NC Jewish Home for the Aged; (2) Support of the Sophie Einstein Memorial Scholarship Fund; (3) Organizational membership in the American Freedom Association

(4) Support to Jewish Day Schools in Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C.; (5) Organizational membership in the N. C. Council of Women's Organizations; (6) Support of the Judaica Study Programs at Duke University and UNC; (7) Organizational membership in the N. C. Council on Social Legislation.

Please make your checks payable to the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, c/o Mrs. Esther Leder, P. O. Box 637, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472.

"If I am not for myself, then who will be for me?

If I am only for myself, what am I?

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Sincerely,

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At the beginning of this new organizational year, we recognize that these are trying times. It may well be that we will have to express our Jewish identification more actively in the face of the new realities. After all, Harold Covington is headquartered in Raleigh; the neglect of serious social inequities causes both human grief and social unrest; and it is **our** children who will feel themselves to be second-class citizens if the evangelicals succeed in their drive. The **North Carolina Association of Jewish Women** is anxious to have **all** the Jewish women in the State become members, to join us in supporting our projects that aim towards a better society for all.

Join us! Send \$10.00 for membership dues (\$7.50 for Senior Citizens) to: Yetta Leder, NCAJW, P. O. Box 637, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. Get a friend to join as well!

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In the September issue of the *Times Outlook* there appeared an article about Judaic Studies at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The information on which that was based was not up to date, and numerous recent accomplishments have been called to our attention. Our readers will be interested in events of the past two years. Chairman of the Cooperative Program in Judaic Studies is Eric M. Meyers, who is Associate Professor of Religion at Duke University.

Undergraduate teaching grants were awarded in 1978 for the development of new courses in the history and culture of Jewish civilization. In that year, a Colloquium at Duke University was held on THE HOLOCAUST AND JEWISH-CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING. Participants were Emil L. Fackenheim, Richard Rubenstein, John Pawlikowski, Elie Wiesel, and Franklin Littell.

In 1979 there was acquisition for the Perkins and Divinity School Libraries from Dr. Abram Kanof and his wife, Dr. Frances Pascher, of a collection of Jewish art, archaeology, and symbolism and an endowment for future admissions. Also in 1979 there was the appointment of Israeli scholar, Professor Ya'akov Meshorer, Director and Chief Curator of the Israeli Museum in Jerusalem and Professor of Art and Archaeology at Hebrew University.

In 1980 there has been a grant for research on the French Holocaust to Marcel Tetel, Professor in the Department of Romance Languages at Duke University. Another grant was made for undergraduate student travel to Israel

by Dorot Foundation. Appointment was made of visiting Israeli scholar in modern Middle Eastern History; Professor Michael J. Cohen, Bar Ilan University. This year the Emanuel J. and Sara N. Evans Judaic Hall was dedicated on the Duke campus.



It is to be noted that this is the only inter-institutional Cooperative Program in the discipline. The graduate program in Religion at Duke is one of the few in the United States to have a specifically Jewish component. Duke Library holdings in Judaica rank among the top 20 such collections in the country, and combined with the collection at UNC at Chapel Hill the rank is even higher.

Goals of the Program include a permanent teaching staff for instruction of Modern Hebrew on both campuses, endowments for other Judaic studies and professorships, funds for teaching needs, library acquisitions, artifacts, lectures, etc., and Fellowships for Graduate Judaic School.

Gifts and contributions may be made to the Joint Endowment Fund or to the Duke Judaic Endowment Fund, Box 4735, Duke Station, Durham, N. C. 27706.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

by Lazar Chotiner

Q: Could you please enlighten me on Jewish law or tradition concerning the naming of newborn children? Is it acceptable to give a Hebrew name of a deceased relative and to give the child an American name regardless of the first initial?

A. Although Halacha (religious law) covers almost every aspect of Jewish life, it may come as surprise to learn that there are no laws governing naming of children. Various customs have been followed which have assumed the status of law. For instance, among Ashkenazic Jews (those of Central and Eastern Europe ancestry), it is considered unlawful to name a child after a living relative. On a purely rational level, giving the name of one deceased is a sensible practice, because it is a beautiful and meaningful way of perpetuating the memory of a deceased relative.

Among Sephardim (Jews of the Middle East and Mediterranean countries) it is considered a special honor to name a child after a living relative, other than a living parent.

There is no law which stipulates that the secular name must correspond to the Hebrew or Yiddish name. In America, where our people have become more acculturated, a need was felt to adopt a familiar secular name and to reserve the Jewish name for religious rituals. For several generations our people gave secular names which were identified with the Hebrew names, if only a corresponding initial.

Submit your questions concerning Judaism to the Times Outlook

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

In her article on retiring Rabbi Samuel Friedman of Asheville, Estelle Hoffman refers to the long tenure in Wilmington of the late Rabbi "Moses Mendlesohn". Actually, the Rabbi's first name was Samuel, and his last name was spelled Mendelsohn.

Interestingly, Rabbi Mendelsohn was awarded an honorary LL.D. degree by the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill almost one hundred years ago!—in 1883, to be exact. The University has no information on record, other than the fact that the degree was awarded, and I have not researched the matter further, but I rather suspect this to have been the first such honorary degree awarded to a Rabbi in this country by a major college or university—perhaps the first awarded to a Jew at all.

The late Adm. Lewis Strauss (former head of the Atomic Energy Commission) in his autobiographical "Men and Decisions" published some years ago, recalls

Rabbi Mendelsohn with admiration and affection. Strauss (pronounced "straws"), a native of Virginia, spent his early working years before the turn of the century traveling through Virginia and North Carolina for a shoe company. As an observant Jew, his desire to observe the Sabbath was often frustrated by the scarcity of Jewish congregations. On the occasions when it was possible for him to be near Wilmington at the approach of the Sabbath, he would arrange to be with Rabbi Mendelsohn and the congregation.

The Rabbi had a son who apparently distinguished himself through outstanding work as a cryptographer for Intelligence during World War I.

The Rabbi died in 1922, mourned—I am certain—not only by the Jewish community of Wilmington, but by the general populace of that city.

I thought your readers might find these facts to be of interest.

Cordially,

David M. Lieberman

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- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups mashed, cooked sweet potato (about 2 medium)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine, softened
- $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup quick or old fashioned oats, uncooked

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Pour scalded milk over sugar, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cool to lukewarm. Beat together sweet potato and butter. Gradually add lukewarm milk mixture to sweet potato mixture. Stir in 1 cup flour; add dissolved yeast and oats. Stir in enough additional flour to make a soft dough.

Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface; knead 10 to 12 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Shape dough into ball. Place in large greased bowl, turning to coat surface of dough. Cover; let rise in warm place about 1 hour or until double in size. Punch dough down. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

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Divide dough into 6 equal portions. Shape each to form a rope 12 to 15 inches long. For each loaf, loosely braid 3 ropes (do not stretch). Pinch ends together; tuck under. Place loaves on 2 greased cookie sheets or into 2 greased 9x5-inch loaf pans. Cover; let rise about 45 minutes or until nearly double in size. Meanwhile, heat oven to 400° F. Bake loaves at 400° F. for 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350° F. Bake an additional 30 to 35 minutes or until deep golden brown. (If loaves become too brown, cover loosely with foil tend during last 10 to 15 minutes of baking). Remove loaves from pans and cool on wire racks. *Makes 2 braided loaves.*

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Jacksonville, N. C.
Clinton, N. C.
Smithfield, N. C.
Mount Olive, N. C.
Tabor City, N. C.
Lumberton, N. C.
Marion, S. C.
Loris, S. C.
Conway, S. C.



Book Review: The Half-Opened Door

by Arnold Shankman

Marcia G. Synnott, *The Half-Opened Door: Discrimination and Admissions at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, 1900-1970*. Greenwood Press, 310 pages, 1979, \$23.95.

It is no secret that education has played a major role in the upward economic and social mobility of American Jews. In a fascinating and detailed study Marcia Synnott, a non-Jewish history professor at the University of South Carolina, has examined the admissions policies of three of

America's most prestigious universities, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Professor Synnott considers the plight of Mexican, Oriental and Afro-American applicants to these universities, but the bulk of her meticulous study is devoted to the trials, tribulations, frustrations, and humiliations experienced by Jews.

In brief, each of these ivy league universities became concerned during the early years of the twentieth century with the changing composition of its stu-

dent body. The percentage of Jewish students, especially at Harvard and Yale, jumped dramatically. Moreover, in contrast with previous "Hebrew" students, the newcomers were more likely to be of Russian or Polish origin than of German Jewish background. A Yale dean argued that Christian undergraduates at his university no longer sought top honors because on lists of academic achievement non-Jewish names were in the minority! For such reasons Harvard, Yale and Prince-

ton—as well as numbers of other schools—devised means of limiting Jewish enrollment. Since Jewish applicants were usually academically qualified, other criteria were needed. Admissions officers resorted to requiring photographs on application forms, asking questions about a candidate's mother's maiden name and father's occupation, and seeking recruits from prep schools rather than from public high schools. All of this served to reduce the number of Jews admitted. In 1926 the *Yale Daily News* advocated requiring applicants to furnish not only their own photographs but also pictures of their fathers!

In her sensitive book Dr. Synnott shows that not all favored this gentleman's agreement form of bigotry. At Harvard some faculty and alumni and retired President Charles Eliot valiantly battled President A. Lawrence Lowell's efforts to impose quotas against Jews. Quotas did not succeed at Harvard, but various other means were found to reduce the size of the Jewish student population. Protests also took place at Yale but with less fervor and less success than at Harvard. Of the three universities Jews fared worst at Princeton, where they had never been numerous. Perhaps the situation at Princeton was best described by a member of the admissions committee who wrote a friend, "I hope the Alumni will tip us off to any Hebrew candidates."

Jews who did get admitted to these three ivy league campuses were usually ostracized socially and made to feel only half-welcome.

World War II changed things greatly. Moral revulsion at the activities and ideology of the Nazis made religious discrimination unfashionable. Jews were recruited for faculty positions. As the universities grew in size, admissions officers stressed merit and academic talent in student selection

over genealogy and religion. State legislatures assisted in the North by enacting laws prohibiting college application forms from including questions about nationality, race, or religious preference. Jewish students flocked to these institutions, and today perhaps one quarter of the Harvard student body and at least an equal percentage of the faculty are Jewish. Just a few months ago a magnificent Hillel House was dedicated on the Harvard campus by one of the campus's Jewish deans.

The Half-Opened Door is an extremely important work deserving a wide audience. It is a major book on American Anti-Semitism. The thorough documentation provided by Dr. Synnott insures that her study merits recognition as a classic in its field. Perhaps more than any other recent historical study, *The Half-Opened Door* shows why many Jews who oppose discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities with genuine sincerity are so upset about talk of reverse discrimination and quotas.

(Arnold Shankman is Professor of History at Winthrop College. He has written a number of works resulting from intensive research, specializing in the Civil War period, ethnic history, particularly twentieth-century Southern Jewish history. He lives in Rock Hill, South Carolina.)

Children's Books

by Lois Benjamin

LAUGHING LATKES

by M. B. Goffstein. 23 pp., illustrated. New York. Farrar-Straus-Giroux, 1980. \$6.95.

This delightful little book touches on the story of Chanukah.

Each page is a question which is answered with a question. The enchanting illustrations by the author show the story.

This book will encourage small children to want to know more details of the holiday and is sure to hold the child's attention.

FINDERS KEEPERS

By Miriam Chaikin. 120 pp., illustrated. New York, Harper & Rowe, 1980. Ages 8-11. \$8.95.

This is a book dealing with the emotions of a little girl when she believes she has been dishonest.

Eleven-year-old Molly found a little gold ring in the school yard and took it home. When she found out the ring belonged to a classmate, she knew she should return it, but found it a difficult task. She enjoyed having the beautiful ring. As people close to her became ill, the guilt of keeping the ring became a very heavy burden to carry. She thought that the sin of keeping someone else's possession was causing the grief to her loved ones.

While discussing Molly's emotions, the author gives some insight to modern-day children of what life was like in the 1930's. It acquaints the child with an Orthodox Jewish family, and Molly in particular. The story takes place during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and relates many of the Jewish traditions associated with these holidays.

Children will enjoy the messages in the book as they are presented. Some children might identify with the customs, while other children would find them fascinating and educational.

HANNAH IS A PALINDROME

By Mindy Warshaw Skolsky. 124 pp., illustrated. New York, Harper & Rowe, 1980. Ages 8-11. \$8.95.

A view through the eyes of nine-year-old Hannah reveals the world as a wonderful place to live.

Hannah's father's most recent "Big Surprise" was the purchase of a restaurant with a small apartment

attached in which this family of three will live. Hannah loves surprises, her father's new inventions, and life. This is a book of happy people doing things that they enjoy. It brings out the joys of simple living and a love of nature which was prevalent in the 1930's.

How easy it was for this little girl to adjust to a new life, but she had the advantage of old friends and school. Hannah's letters to her grandmother and her teacher reveal the honest feelings of this child which are so often left unknown, as they are not easily expressed by most children. Young readers may find out a little more about themselves as they are finding out about Hannah.

**ALL TIMES, ALL PEOPLES:
A WORLD HISTORY OF SLAVERY**

By Milton Meltzer. 60 pp., illustrated. New York, Harper & Rowe, 1980. Ages 10-14. \$8.95.

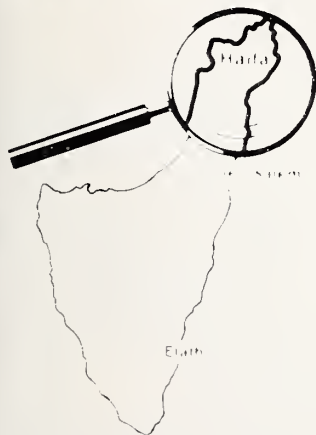
This interesting book explains early life and the truth that Slavery is almost universal.

The beginning of slavery goes back 10,000 years. Slaves were captured in wars and made to work for their conquerors. This book tells of early slavery through World War II and up to modern times and of how it has changed. It describes how slaves lived in different cultures and what they felt about their bondage.

This reviewer believes the author's purpose for writing this book was to educate children to the fact that slavery, in a modern form, with forced labor, does exist. He is hopeful that reform will come about through education of the public and that slavery will be abolished.



Inside Israel:



SUCCESS HAS NOT SPOILED TAKLA HARUZ

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA—This began as a depressing story in Lebanon, but it has a happy ending in Israel.

The Haruz family were simple farmers living on the outskirts of the village of Marjayoun in southern Lebanon. They and their ancestors before them, for as many generations as anyone could remember, had tilled the soil here and like good Christians had gone to church. The four children, two boys and two girls born into the family, were welcomed as helping hands on the farm. The eldest daughter, Takla, was a devoted assistant and could always be relied on to do her assigned tasks, harvesting the crops, gathering firewood, pulling weeds, feeding the livestock and doing the hundreds of other chores common on a farm.

Many were the village boys who cast eye on Takla, but the shy girl found that none measured up to her expectations. The years rolled by, and Takla never married. Handy with needle and thread, she went to the big city, Beirut, lived with her brother there, and made a living as a seamstress. When "the troubles" began, she moved back to Marjayoun to be with the rest of

her family.

Life was tense even in the small village, especially for the Christians. Moslem terrorists were a constant threat, and economic conditions worsened. Some of the villagers found their way to the nearby border, and through the Good Fence obtained employment in Israel. Takla suggested that she go too and thus help augment the family income, but her second brother objected on the grounds that good girls don't leave home to work, ignoring the fact that chronologically Takla was no longer a girl.

Then the terror struck into the very heart of the Haruz family. The father was killed by a bomb and only a few months thereafter his wife, innocently hanging out the clothes in the back yard, fell victim to another bomb. The terrorist Moslem attempt at genocide of the Christians in Lebanon takes on new meaning when one talks to Takla, but there is no hatred in her heart. Like her neighbors, she and her family came to understand that the only friends they had in the world are the Israelis. Her brother joined the forces under Maj. Hadad.

This time he did not oppose her desire to seek employment across the border. Three years ago she began work at a fruit-preserves factory in Hazor, but the work was irregular, and when opportunity came to take a job as chambermaid at the newly opened Tiberias Plaza Hotel she leaped at it. There were five other Lebanese girls as well, all much younger. They went through a program of intensive training to conform to the high standards of the Plaza. All did well, but as the months went by, the younger girls married and left. Takla alone remained.

She picked up a smattering knowledge of Hebrew and enough scattered phrases in English

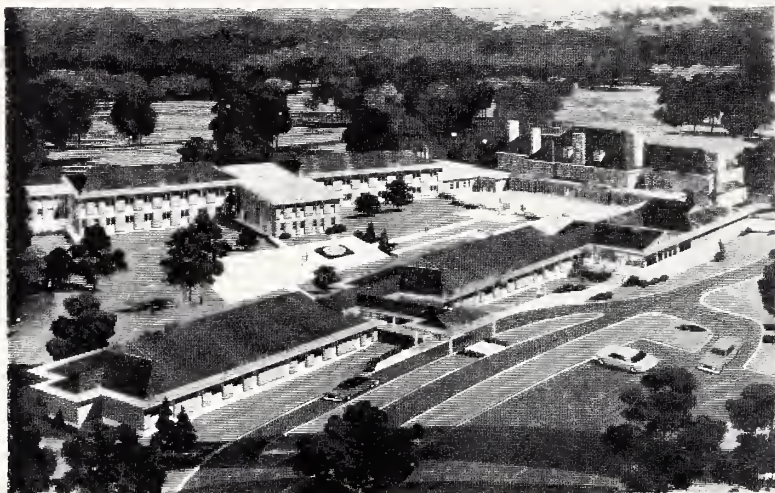
which, combined with her pleasant shy smile, are enough to establish a meeting of minds with the hotel guests. She spends two weeks in Tiberias, then has a few days leave during which she returns to Marjayoun, laden down with gifts for the family. She is of course a citizen of Lebanon, but more and more Tiberias seems home to her. She has new friends there who have taken to her, and invite her to their homes. At the hotel her diligence and loyalty attracted attention. When the hotel was full and short-handed, Takla got out of a sick bed to help out. Her work-ethic is high and contagious to the rest of the employees, we were told by Sima Avital, Chief Housekeeper, who is perhaps half her age.

Takla had never had a happy life; she had never found fulfillment in the usual sense, but when the Tiberias Plaza not long ago chose its Outstanding Employee of the Year, the best among 230, Takla Haruz, of Marjayoun, won the prize.

She has now become something of a personality in southern Lebanon. Israel's leading women's magazine interviewed her. Photographers came to take her picture. A little bit of happiness has entered the otherwise sad and dreary life of the girl from Lebanon. But success has not spoiled Takla Haruz. She is still at her job, conscientiously keeping her assigned rooms neat and spotless at the Tiberias Plaza.



BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED, INC



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Clemmons, North Carolina

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The Season of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving 1980, will be a special day at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Residents, their families, staff and friends of the Home will join together in a Thanksgiving Day Family Service on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 11:00 to celebrate and give thanks in a non-denominational worship service. Rabbi Arnold Task, of the Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, Rabbi Shimon Moch, of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, Rev. George Spransy, of Clemmons Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Lucille Shaw, R.N., Ms. Jan Sawyer and Mr. Al. A. Mendlovitz, of the Home's staff, are responsible for planning the Thanksgiving Day service. All family members, friends and members of the Board are invited to participate in this worship service.

A special time for visiting will be set aside before a traditional Thanksgiving luncheon, prepared by the Dietary Department under the direction of Mrs. Helen Bumgardner and Ms. Lilli Gabison. Guests are asked to make their reservations for lunch no later than **Nov. 21**.

The Residents and Staff of the Home hope that you will plan to join them on this holiday of rejoicing and thanksgiving!



THANKSGIVING IS...

by the Residents of B-1

Thanksgiving is hunting for rabbits, turkey and possum,
the survival of Pilgrims,
a large feast.

Thanksgiving is a beautiful wife and daughter,
grandchildren,
a family reunited.

Thanksgiving is food, clothing, shelter, and most of all health;
having enough money,
Knowing the peace and wealth of America

Thanksgiving is freedom,
personal and religious,
being a citizen of the United States.

Thanksgiving is thanks to God
for all the blessings of life—
food, shelter, friends and family—

Thanksgiving is thanks to God for being alive

A Weekend To Remember

Pictures at the Ball

October 4-5, 1980



Semmie Jacobs, Sara Feen, Bernice Tilles and Luella Morris enjoy the elegant cocktail buffet.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home (NC Jewish Home) commemorated fifteen years of service to North Carolina Jewish elderly and their families the weekend of October 4-5 with a festive Fifteenth Anniversary Ball and Annual Meeting. Guests from across the state met at the Home in Clemmons on Saturday evening, October, for fellowship, dancing and a cocktail buffet. Mrs. Morris Brenner (Winston-Salem) and Mrs.

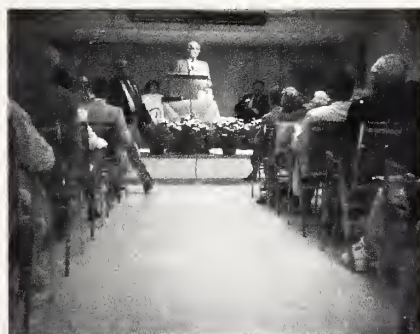


Pretty hat-check girls, Judy Atron and Dana Gottlieb. Many thanks to all the teen-agers who volunteered their services parking cars and helping with arrangements.

Abe Brenner (Advance) co-chaired the highly successful event. Other members of the Ball-planning committee were Toby Sidman, Lynn Eisenberg, Elaine Davis, Gail Citron, Marcia Gootlieb, Ellen Berlin, Marian Sosnik and Ruth



Residents and guests enjoying the Buffet Breakfast, elegantly prepared by the Home's Dietary Department.



Cy Jacobs, President of the Board of Governors, speaks to the audience while Ellis Berlin (Treasurer) returns to his seat after presenting a healthy financial report.

Julian. Over 200 guests danced to music provided by Tony DiBianca and his orchestra, visited in the beautifully decorated mansion and



J. Herman Leder (Whiteville) and Nathan Sutker (Charlotte) receive Grand Builder Plaques from Herman Blumenthal (Charlotte).

enjoyed the evening's festivities.

Prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 5, visitors, members of the Home's Board of Governors and Residents were treated to a buffet brunch and participated in the Annual Cadillac drawing which was sponsored by the NC Association of Jewish Men.

Winners of the 14th Annual raffle's \$1,000 cash prizes were: Leon Levine of Charlotte; Sally Schrader of Charlotte; Laurence



J. Herman Leder and Herman Blumenthal, ready to unveil the Grand Builders' Plaque.



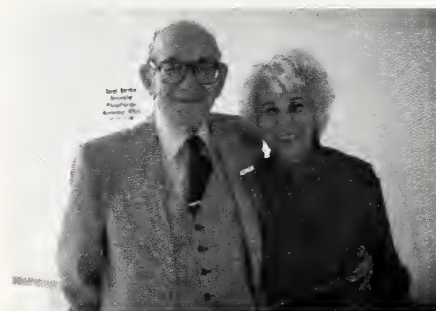
The unveiling!

Cohen of Greensboro; Rita Guyes of Greensboro; and Al. Mendlovitz of Clemmons. Dan Koblenz, who conducted the raffle thanks all who sold and purchased tickets. Mr. Koblenz was assisted by Barbara Polk and Herman Blumenthal. Over the past 14 years, the Annual Cadillac drawing has raised \$67,000.

Rabbi Robert Sandman, of the B'nai Israel Congregation in High Point, led the Invocation for the Annual Meeting. Greetings to visitors and guests were extended by Cyril Jacobs, President of the Board, and Al. Mendlovitz, Executive Director of the Home. A brief business session followed, with Financial Report by Ellis Berlin, Nominating Committee Report by Mrs. Judith Hyman, and a report of the NC Association of Jewish Women by Mrs. Doris Dworsky. Mrs. Elizabeth Small, representing the Home Store in Charlotte, presented the Home with a check for \$5,000, raised by sales from the Home Store. Mrs. Ellen Berlin and Mrs. Miriam Brenner donated \$2,000 from the Home's Gift Shop. Dr. Stephen B. Mackler (Greensboro) was elected to a one-year term on the Board of Governors. Elected to three-year terms were Ellis Berlin (Winston-Salem), Harris Clein (Winston-Salem), John H. Green (Fayetteville), Kenneth Greene (Greens-

boro), Judith Hyman (Greensboro), Seymour Levin (Burlington), Alvin E. Levine (Charlotte), Nathan Sutker (Charlotte), Stephen Sutker (Charlotte), A. E. Witten (Gastonia).

Yahrzeit Plates and Sabbath Candelabra dedications were made by Rabbi Arnold Task, President of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis and Rabbi of the Temple Emanuel Congregation in Greensboro. Rabbi Richard Rocklin, of Temple Israel in Charlotte, presented a special Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Scroll to the Home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sutker. Mr. Sutker is a member of the Board of Governors and a Grand Builder, and Mrs. Sutker (also a Grand Builder) is Chairman of the Remembrance Committee for the Home.



Minnie and Nathan Sutker (Charlotte) celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY BALL ANNUAL MEETING

Keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting was Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, Secretary of the NC Department of Human Resources. Her remarks on "Growing Old in North Carolina: The Thrust of the State for the 80's" were well received by the crowd of approximately 300. She was introduced by Dr. A. J. Tannenbaum, one of the Home's Vice-Presidents and Chairman of the Medical Committee.

Dr. Morrow noted that North Carolina has the fourteenth largest population of older adults in the



Addressing the audience at the Annual Meeting, Dr. Sarah Morrow projects the state's plans for aiding the aging population in the 1980's.



Whirling and spinning, guests crowd the dance floor.



Executive Director Al. Mendlovitz shakes a leg with Hannah Kirshn, past President of the Resident Council.

nation, and that that proportion expected to grow even larger. "We are all beginning to recognize that our society can no longer afford to push away the experience and knowledge of nearly one million of our best North Carolinians," she said. Citing the fact that government, rather than the private sector, is responsible for 80% of the cost of care in rest homes, Dr. Morrow indicated that the government's primary job is to he-

families care for each other, using alternative solutions to institutionalization. These alternatives would assure that the older adult has a choice and is able to stay active and out of institutional settings as long as possible. Transportation is a major need, as is the need for help with home chores and home health service. "Now, when we have come to a time of relative peace and understanding, to a time when better health and income have allowed us to live longer, we must work to assure that for each of us, these will be productive years of good work, not years reflecting on the days of our youth when society still needed us," she said.

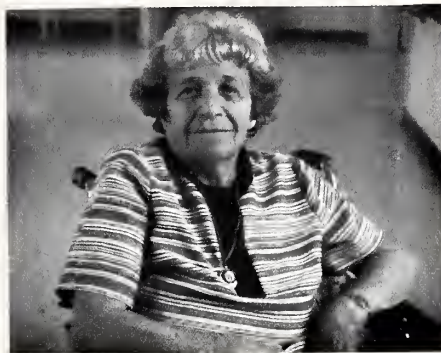
Following the keynote address, Mr. Herman Blumenthal, a member of the Board of Governors and brother of the late I. D. Blumenthal, one of the Home's founders and the first President of the Board, dedicated the bronze Grand Builders Plaque. The plaque honors the 1,000 Grand Builders who donated \$1,000 each to the Home's Building Fund. J. Herman Leder (Whiteville) and Nathan Sutker (Charlotte), members of the original Board of Governors and also Grand Builders of the Home, unveiled the plaque for the audience. Residents of the Home who are Grand Builders were given special recognition.

Guests were invited to tour the Home and visit the Gift Shop after the benediction was pronounced by Rabbi Shimon Moch (Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem). Residents who are members of the Welcome and the Tour Guide Committees served as registrars and guides for the Annual Meeting.

The weekend, to be sure, was a highlight in the history of the Home!



FOCUS ON . . . A RESIDENT



IDA DORN (Greensboro)

by Patti Denzer, Volunteer

After celebrating the first night of the 1980 Succot season, charming Blumenthal Jewish Home Resident, Ida Dorn, recalled what the holiday had meant to her in the past.

"It has always been a memorable time for me," Ida said. "When Succot arrived, everyone gathered at our synagogue to build the celebration booth and share in the week-long holiday."

As German-born Ida reminisced over her past, she also revealed other joyous and not-so-joyous moments in her life. Those moments included her family's escape from Hitler-dominated Germany; fond memories of the seven years she spent in Italy; the family move to Morganton, NC in 1932, and her loving family, all deceased except for two nieces.

"In Germany, I learned to embroider and knit from a group of nuns when I was a young girl," explains Ida. "Besides sewing, I've always enjoyed being around children and pets and growing plants." Ida has several plants in her room that she nurtures.

Before coming to the States, Ida traveled to many parts of Europe including Italy, France, Switzerland and Spain. During her travels, she learned to speak fluently the languages of those countries. "Italy is my favorite country," Ida said with a smile. "Unfortunately,

some of the languages I once knew so well have faded in my memory. When you don't have the chance to use a language for a long time, you forget how to speak it."

"My brother, a chemist who had moved to America before us, chose Morganton as the permanent home for our family because of the beautiful mountains there. Shortly after we arrived, Senator Sam Erwin came to visit our family. I remember we were proud to have the honor of that visit."

Ida has two nieces in Boston who are doctors. "They are my only remaining relatives, so we stay in close contact," she said.

Photographs spanning four generations of her family adorn the walls and table tops in her room. Ida's husband, his photo kept next to her bed, was a champion snow skier and owned a chemical sales company. Other photos include her parents, grandparents, great and great-great grandparents, all lovely reflections of her memorable past.

MERCHANDISE NEEDED FOR HOME STORE

The Blumenthal Jewish Home has always relied on the contributions and support of the Jewish community across the state. One of the agencies which directly serves the Home is known as the "Home Store", on the grounds of the Radiator Specialty Company in Charlotte. The clientele includes many of their employees, as well as those from neighboring plants. Merchandise is donated to the Home Store for sale. Proceeds from the sales are presented to the Home each year at the Annual Meeting.

Originally, the Home Store operated in a small shop in downtown Charlotte. This area was demolished for urban renewal several years ago. The Home Store has been at its present location

approximately three years and during that time has produced \$21,000 for the Jewish Home in Clemmons.

The Store premises are rent-free, courtesy of the Blumenthal Foundation, and the staff of workers are all volunteers. The leading ladies in this venture are Mildred Yanko, Henrietta Meltsner, Maymie Schaffer and Elizabeth Small.

In order to maintain and increase their service to the Blumenthal Jewish Home, the volunteers seek contributions of various wares, new and used, such as textile products, hosiery, housewares, china, pictures and clothing, etc. Electrical appliances, radios and TV sets are particularly welcome even if not in good operating condition. The Home Store has facilities for minor repairs, and gets very special rates on more serious mechanical problems.

Please help the Home Store carry on by sending shipments to: The Home Store, c/o Radiator Specialty Company, 1400 W. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, North Carolina 28208.

Visitors to the Home may leave their contributions at the Home for transportation to Charlotte.

YES, ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

The Planning Committee for the Fifteenth Anniversary Ball held at the Blumenthal Jewish Home wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all those who contributed to the huge success of the evening.

Mrs. Morris Brenner
Mrs. Abe Brenner
Co-Chairpersons

Focus on the Staff



*Mrs. Hilda Sink,
Business Services Director*

by Robert N. Milman,
Assistant Executive Director

On September 22, Mrs. Hilda Sink, Director of Business Services, celebrated her fifth-year anniversary at the Home. Hilda is responsible for the Home's accounting and personnel departments, as well as the operation of the Beauty Shop. During her tenure, the Home has tripled in size, necessitating several adjustments in the Home's accounting and record-keeping systems. Not content with merely keeping pace with these changes, Hilda has transformed the business office into a model operation for other nursing homes in the area. Her next major undertaking will be to computerize the Home's accounting system to provide more timely and accurate services.

Hilda says that she enjoys the opportunity of practicing her profession in an environment like the Home's, where she can contribute to the well-being of Residents and staff. She and her husband, Richard, live in Kernersville with their two teenage daughters, Christie and Regina. Besides her busy family life and work load, Hilda finds time to be treasurer of the local chapter of American Business Womens' Association, Sunday School teacher at the Bunker Hill Methodist Church, leader of a Girl

Scout Troop in Kernersville, and a officer of the High Point Order of the Eastern Star. When not working or volunteering, she enjoys camping, roller skating, and her newest hobby—playing the piano.

We are very pleased that Hilda has chosen to lend her talents to improving the operation of the Home over the past five years, and are looking forward to many more years of service. Thank you for job well done!

GOV. HUNT DECLARES OCT. 12-18 N.C. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY WEEK

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is proud to acknowledge all North Carolina Occupational Therapists during N.C.O.T. Week declared by Governor Jim Hunt. We are happy to support a health and rehabilitation profession that uses task oriented activities to help people whose abilities to cope with skills of daily living are limited by physical, emotional, developmental or social deficits.

The Home's Registered Occupational Therapist, Mrs. Jean Zook, is responsible for developing personalized assistance programs at the Home which help the Residents either re-learn old skills or develop new or alternate methods of coping with deficiencies, or learn how to utilize various pieces of equipment that minimize the handicaps. Particularly, she has been working with the nursing staff on the different Units of the Home to develop a feeding program designed to help Residents who formerly were fed by staff, learn how to feed themselves.

Book Review

OLD AGE AIN'T FOR SISSIES

by Jan Sawyer

Edited by Julia Alvarez and Pamolu Oldham, Cane's Creek Press, Cameron, NC 28326

In the "local interest" section of bookshops in your area you may find a slim volume of poetry entitled *Old Age Ain't for Sissies*. Edited by Julia Alvarez and Pamolu Oldham, and containing beautiful, sensitive photographs by Lisa Morphew of the "poets", this book is the culmination of a "Poetry for Older People" program which was sponsored by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, Inc.

The poets, many of whom cannot read or write, came to work-

shops in Sunshine Centers, in nursing homes, in rural Baptist churches. "There was nothing to teach these people about language," the editor writes. "They knew how to handle it, not with the studied astuteness of the graduate student, but with the instinct of people who cannot go to books to be entertained but must captivate each other with their own words. They are a group that has not been listened to, not because they have nothing to say, but because they are shy when their natural eloquence is suddenly made public. In the company of those they trust, they can be wonderful hams, their humor rich and precise."

Ms. Alvarez states that "In a society that for the most part ignores the old, their wealth of wisdom and memories brims over unheard." This fact is lamentable,

undebateable. Yet isn't the opposite attitude also prevalent? There often seems to be an over-compensatory amount of gushing enthusiasm associated with many of the projects and ideas which involve older people. *Old Age Ain't for Sissies* rests between these two extremes. For these poets, old age is neither ignored nor falsely glorified—it is merely a part of the on-going cycle of life.



What's Been Happening?



Gene Smith entertained A-Wing residents during the September birthday party. Mr. Smith played the harmonica and the guitar simultaneously!



Billie Syrett's task force: Residents volunteered their skills to make leather key fobs which were used as favors at the 15th Anniversary Ball. Thanks to Percy Johnson, Charles Saltzberg, Abe Fine, Sam Cohen, Alice Fruh, Willie Reynolds and Hannah Kirshner!



Linda Babb, Sara Schwartz and Rick Rogers (Recreation Depart.) decorated the Succah with strings of fruit and paper chains. Residents and staff agreed that this year's Succah was the most beautiful yet!



The end of the Grand Builders campaign! Members of the maintenance department unpack the bronze plaque commemorating the 1,000 Grand Builders. The plaque was dedicated by Herman Blumenthal on Oct. 5.



The first meal in the Succah—a special time for all.



Staff throws a surprise 15th Anniversary Party for Gladys Holcomb, Director of Nursing. Thank you, Gladys, for these years of dedicated service.

Gifts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Mary Chizik
Hermann Cohen
Gertrude Eisenberg
Della Freed
Stephanie Holub
Ann Lentz
Jennie Stroup
Nettie Task
Badonna Gottlieb
Frances Beard
Jennie Raben
Evelyn Yarborough
Vance Conrad
Fannie Krusch
Grace Creech
Hannah Kirshner
Jennie Kottler
Harry Pasman
Charles Zuckerman
Ella Smith
Delia Sonnenshein

WELCOME

May you enjoy a long, happy and healthy life:

John H. Davis

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Edward Hesse and Kizzie FitzSimons.

May their loving memory bring comfort to their loved ones.

We were saddened to learn of the passing away of Mr. Jack Waldman, formerly of Winston-Salem. His dear devoted wife, Mrs. Sally Waldman was one of the individuals that spearheaded the establishment of the Blumenthal Jewish Home Gift Shop. We offer our condolences at this time and may her Faith in the Almighty be a source of strength for the years to come.

Board of Governors,
Staff & Residents of the
Blumenthal Jewish Home

IN MEMORY OF:

MR. GEORGE ARNSTEIN
By: Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Levy
MR. CHARLES BARKER
By: Mr. & Mrs. Irving Margolis
Mrs. Louis Novey
Mrs. Roslyn Lavine & Wendy
MR. SAMUEL BARSHAY
By: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fox
EDITH BERGER
By: Dr. & Mrs. Harry Yanoff
MRS. BERTHA BRANDON
By: Fay & Dan Green
MOTHER OF DIANA BROWN
By: Mrs. Yvette Pearlman
MR. HERMAN DAVIDSON
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Editorial

CHANUKAH'S MESSAGE

by Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin

Chanukah's message is eternal. It's a message that applies not only to our own times, but to all times. In essence, the theme of Chanukah is the victory of a small band of Maccabees over the mighty horde of Syrian Greeks. The heroes of this story are Mattathias and his five sons. They gathered together a small band of people who determined to battle for what they knew was right. Even today when we mention their name, we think of selfless God-inspired men, who believed so strongly in justice and righteousness that they willingly undertook a struggle against impossible odds until victory was won.

In the spirit of these ancient Maccabees, we find the timeless challenge to us today. It was Albert Einstein who said: "Our world is filled with goodness, but there is one trouble with it. Unfortunately, goodness is weak." Einstein mourned the absence of Maccabean spirit from our world.

Chanukah highlights this message. Goodness must be strong. I'm sure you're familiar with the Biblical story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorah. I could never understand why the Almighty was unable to find fifty righteous men in those two cities, for whose sake he would have saved everyone from destruction. Is it possible that there were not fifty righteous people in all of Sodom and Gomorah? Impossible. There must have been hundreds of simple good people. Why were they not counted? Well, the answer is found in one word in the Biblical text—the Hebrew word—*be'toch*—in the midst. God said to Abraham: If I find fifty righteous people *'be'toch ha'eer'*—in the midst of the city, I will save the

entire city. He did not say if I find fifty in the city, for there were many in the city, perhaps ten times fifty, but the trouble was they were not *'be'toch'*—in the midst. They were not in the heart of the action. They sat back—good people, but weak, passive, inactive, and because these good people were weak, they permitted the wicked to take over and bring destruction upon them all. They were not Maccabees. They lacked the Maccabean spirit. Their goodness was weak.

There is a book entitled "Hitler's Professors" by Max Weinreich. It is an authentic account of the deeds of horror committed by the Nazi scientists of Germany during the days of the Holocaust. It describes in detail how they stretched human skin to make lamp shades, and converted human fat into soap. As I read these ghastly details I asked myself: Is it possible that in all of Germany there were no good decent men and women? Well, we know that this is not so. We know there were many righteous and noble people who hated evil and injustice, just as there were in ancient Sodom and Gomorah. But as in those ancient cities, the good people sat back and let the Nazi beast and his henchmen take over—the result was hatred, murder, torture, and destruction.

And this is the eternal tragedy in human affairs. Goodness is weak. The righteous refuse to be *"Be'toch ha'eer"*—in the midst of the city, at the heart of the problem, in the center of life. The righteous refuse to struggle and fight and persevere for principles.

We are surrounded by so much goodness in our world today. Count the number of houses of worship—synagogues, churches, mosques—goodness is there.

Count the number of philanthropic institutions which heal and serve. Goodness is there. Count the number of hands that reach out to the needy and to the downtrodden. Goodness is there. Count the number of homes where parents teach children to live sound and beautiful lives based on great religious traditions of ethics and morality. Goodness is there.

Ah, if this goodness could only be harnessed. What a vital force it would be. There is so much of a demand, so much faith in our hearts, so much power in our hands. We are so rich in spiritual and moral values. If all this could be utilized, and all could be *be'toch ha'eer*—in the midst of life. If this goodness could only be accompanied by the Maccabean spirit of valor, so that it would be strong and vibrant—what a great and wonderful world we would create. Today, even as in ancient times, we must stand with courage and be counted. We must place ourselves in the midst of the struggle against evil and darkness. We must be determined in the spirit of Chanukah to hold up the light to help illuminate all the dark places. We must be willing to battle to make our goodness strong. We must be willing to be modern Maccabees, striving anew for justice and righteousness, and once again rallying to create the victory of light. Only in this way can we help to fashion that beautiful new world of which the prophets dreamed and for which generations have longed: And nations shall no more lift sword against nation, but they shall sit, even man beneath his vine and beneath his fig tree, and none shall make him afraid.

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For The Celebration Of Chanukah

MO'OZ TZUR

מַעוֹז צוּר

Mo-oz tzur y'shu-o-si l'ho no-e l'sha-bey-ah, מַעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי לְךָ נִאֶה לְשַׁבַּח.
 Ti-kon bes t'fi-lo-si v'shom to-do n'za-bey-ah. תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשֵׁם תוֹרָה נִזְכָּר.
 L'es to-hin mat-bey-ah mi-tzor ha-m'na-bey-ah, לַעַת תִּכּוֹן מַטְבַּח מִצֹּר הַמְּנַבֵּחַ.
 Oz eg-mor b'shir miz-mor, ha-nu-kas ha- אוֹ אֲנִי בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר, הָאֲנִי כֶּסֶף הַמְּנַבֵּחַ.
 miz-bey-ah.

Y'vo-nim nik-b'tzu o-lai, a-zai bi-mey hash- יְוֹנִים נִקְבְּצוּ עָלַי אֲנִי בִימֵי
 ma-nim, הַשְּׁמָנִים.
 U-for-tzu ho-mos mig-do-lai v'tim-u kol וּפָרְצוּ חוֹמוֹת מִגְדְּלִי וְטִמְאוּ כָל
 hash-mo-nim. הַשְּׁמָנִים.
 U-mi-no-sar kan-ka-nim na-a-so nes la-sho- וּמִנוֹסָר קִנְקִנִּים נַעֲשֶׂה נֶס
 sha-nim, לְשׁוֹשָׁנִים.
 B'ney vi-no y'mey sh'mo-no kov-u shir u-r'no- בְּנֵי בִּנְיָה יְמֵי שְׁמֹנֶה קִבְּעוּ שִׁיר
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B'ROHOS SHEL HANUKAH

בְּרֹחוֹת שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Bo-ruh a-to A-do-noi E-lo-hey-nu me-leh בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
 ho-o-lom a-sheer ki-d'sho-nu b'mitz-vo-sov אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוָתוֹ וְצִוָּנוּ
 v'tzi-vo-nu l'had-lik ner shel Ha-nu-koh. לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Bo-ruh a-to A-do-noi E-lo-hey-nu me-leh בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
 ho-o-lom she-o-so ni-sim la-a-vo-se-nu ba-yo- שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבּוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמֵינוּ
 mim ho-hem ba-z'man ha-ze. בְּזִמְנֵנוּ הַזֶּה.

Bo-ruh a-to A-do-noi E-lo-hey-nu me-leh ho- בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
 o-lom she-he-he-yo-nu v'ki-mo-nu v'hi-gi-o-nu שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵנוּ הַזֶּה.
 la-z'man ha-ze.

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who hast commanded
 us to kindle the Hanukah light. Blessed art Thou,
 who hast wrought miracles for our fathers in those
 days. Blessed art Thou who hast brought us unto
 this season.*

Then light the candles. One
 candle the first day, two candles
 the second day, etc. for eight days

FOR CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH

Our readers may enjoy some new songs for Chanukah to be sung to the tune of familiar melodies. These parodies were written by Estelle Hoffman.

Tune of "YANKEE DOODLE"

Father and I went to the deli
To buy potato latkes,
So many had the same idea,
All they had were praakes.
Chorus:
Mother, put the skillet on,
We'll help to grate and fry 'em.
Modern ways are not for us,
We're glad we could not buy 'em.
Our ancestors in days of yore
Had other kinds of tsores,
So as some grate and others fry,
Let's all join in the chorus:
Mother, put the skillet on,
We'll help to grate and fry 'em.
Modern ways are not for us,
We're glad we could not buy 'em.

Tune of OIFEN PRIPICHOK

Light the candles bright,
Light them every night,
Start with One through Eight.
Thus the Maccabees and all their
bravery
We commemorate.
Sing the melody
Of our history,
Sing out loud and clear.
Spin the dreidels all, the miracle
recall
As we gather here.
Fry the latkes light,
Eat some every night,
Till your palate sings.
All of us can feel the Maccabean
zeal
That this saeson brings.
By the candles' gleam
We recall the dream
Dreamed in days of yore.
As in days of old, New miracles
unfold—
We've a Land once more.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Chanukah lights shine.
Shine your glory on me.
Forge moulten memories
of history past,
of Judah and his tiny band
of Macabees.
Menorah lights blaze,
eight nights of remembrance.
Candlelabra glow.
Kindle the candles bright.
Relive the miracle of Chanukah.
Fill the world with light.

Muriel Hoff

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, let our song
Praise Thy saving power;
Thou amidst the raging foes,
Wast our shelt'ring tower.
Furious they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us,
And Thy word
Broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.

Children of the Martyr-race,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs
Where ye may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering
That the time is nearing
Which will see
All men free,
Tyrants disappearing.



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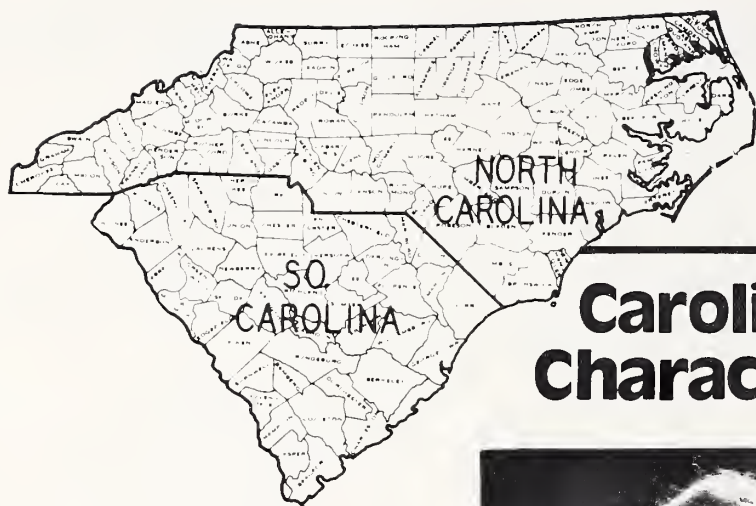
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Carolina Character

Mina Tropp

by Arnold Shankman*

A native of Aiken, South Carolina, Mina Surasky Tropp was born in 1897. She lives on the second floor of her childhood home on Florence Street in Aiken. Her home is filled with her own paintings, flower arrangements, old books and antique furniture. Personally inscribed pictures of Golda Meir and Eleanor Roosevelt adorn the living room, along with two large certificates of appreciation from the Country of Israel. Mrs. Tropp is probably the most active octogenarian in Aiken, South Carolina. She attended Winthrop College.

Mina insists that her education did not begin in earnest until she met and married Ralph Tropp (1897-1971). It took time to assimilate the world of interesting people, great books, music, and theater with which he surrounded her. Mina says Ralph took a provincial "brat" and made her a sophisticated young woman. She met him while he was a student at Columbia University. It was shortly after World War I, during which he had won a purple heart and received a citation from President Wilson.

During their busy life together,



the Tropps established Dek-Art Studios in New York, managed the country club of Charleston, South Carolina, and the Eseeela Lodge in Linville, North Carolina, and operated the Adams and Oliver Cromwell Restaurants in New York City. During the depression Mina Tropp worked with the American Index of Design, which was under the auspices of the WPA. She illustrated maps of South Carolina and also illustrated Milby Burton's book on South Carolina silversmiths. She was among those who helped with the restoration of Charleston's historic Dock Street Theatre.

Included in Mina's autobiography are her recollections of her efforts to help Jewish children out of Nazi Europe by working for public support for the Wagner-Rogers Bill. This bill, which never became law, would have allowed a

maximum of 10 thousand refugee children under the age of 14 in 1938 and a similar number in 1940 to have been admitted to the United States outside the quota. At most 60% of the refugee children were to be Jewish, and, as Mina notes there were ample homes for the youngsters. Nonetheless, Congress refused to pass this humanitarian legislation. (See Arthur Morse, *While Six Million Died*, N.Y. 1968 and David Wymar *Paper Walls*, Amherst, Mass. 1968).

Noted humanitarians, the Tropps adopted five children orphaned by World War II. A skilled fund raiser, Mina Tropp has raised tens of thousands of dollars for various charitable causes. Her apartment in Aiken is full of scrolls of appreciation for her charitable endeavors, and on the walls of the front room are personally autographed photographs of notable people.

It is, however, Mina Tropp's talent as an artist that has caused her to be included in *Who's Who in American Women* and in the *International Dictionary of Biography* and has caused several prestigious museums in Canada and the United States to purchase her works for their permanent collections. Mina has had one artist shows at the Kennedy Galleries in New York, the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, and at art museums, colleges, and libraries in South Carolina, Georgia, New York, and New Jersey.

Mina Tropp is probably the nation's foremost expert on painting with preserved flora. Her interest in this distinctive art form came by accident. Once as she was

about to send some pressed flowers to a friend, she accidentally dropped them on a page of a book illustrating Chinese cloisonne vases. "The manner in which they fell was such," she later recollected, "that they appeared arranged in one of the vases." Out of this came her work with flora.

In combination with pastel backgrounds and accessories she uses the material from the good earth in collage as she would a brush stroke. The natural material is mostly one dimensional, preserving only what the eye would see in a painting. Some of the flora she uses is more than twenty-five years old. One observer commented that "the end color, rich and mellow with the years, intrigues the eye as much and often more than the once upon a time brightness." Backgrounds in her paintings are deliberately kept soft and unobtrusive. Silicone is used to prevent brittleness with the flora.

A few of Mrs. Tropp's miniatures are composed with seaweed. Because seaweed is so delicate, these paintings, at first glance, appear to be etchings. Visitors to her house are often surprised to discover "flowers" she has fashioned out of onion skins and orange peels.

Purists have sometimes criticized the nature of her work, but appreciative audiences have flocked to her exhibits. The noted critic Garth Cate wrote of one of her exhibits that it was a "gentle tour de force" and an "exercise in creative aesthetics". In 1962 John Craft, director of the Columbia, South Carolina, Museum of Art exulted about her show at his museum, "Let me underline over and over again that this is one of the most delightful and surprising exhibitions you will ever hope to put on the wall. It has an intimate charm that sells itself to every visitor."

On another page are segments of Mina Tropp's Memoirs, telling how her parents arrived in the

United States.

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Jewish Communities Of South America

by Morris Speizman

On August 7, Sylvia and I left Charlotte bound for South America and the World Council of Synagogues Study Conference. On August 21, we returned from Buenos Aires to Charlotte. This, of course, makes me an instantaneous expert of the past, present, and future of Jewry in Latin America.

As for the past, the Jewish communities of Latin America have always lived in a rigid Catholic controlled Christian civilization. One in which no other person than a Catholic could become a president or general, without forsaking the religion of his fathers. Jews were tolerated, appreciated and persecuted, according to the whims of the rulers of the particular country in which they resided. So it has been for many years, and so it still is, to a very large extent in most of the Latin American countries. There are, of course, various shadings of these three major attitudes towards Jews, but overall, Jews are still peripheral people rather than central factors in the social, economic, political and, of course, religious life of the communities in which they live.

Our first stop was Rio de Janeiro, a truly beautiful city. It is a city of several million people, sandwiched between mountains, hills and the beautiful Copacabana and Ipanema beaches. We attended Sabbath morning services at the largest synagogue which was built by German Jews in the post-World War II era. The services were conducted by a graduate of the conservative Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano of Buenos Aires. Women sat separate from the men, but lo and behold, an organ and choir assisted the cantor during the services.

That night we had the wonderful experience of attending a

performance of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta. It was a gala affair and apparently, all of Rio de Janeiro society was in attendance.

The next day we were off to Sao Paulo and in many ways it was a repetition of Rio. We attended a reception at the synagogue where I had the pleasure of renewing a friendship with their Rabbi emeritus whom I had met twenty years previously on my last visit to Latin America. Again, we were struck by the fact that the backbone of the group consisted of Jews of German and mid-European stock. There was, however, a big difference between Jews of Rio and Jews of Sao Paulo. In Rio, the congregation did not have a Hebrew School or Sunday School. As a result, they felt that they were losing their children through intermarriage and complete disassociation with their roots in Judaism. However, in Sao Paulo, they had a complete school system which they felt was keeping their children within the fold.

In both cities, the main center of Jewish activity was the Hebraica or Jewish Community Center. This still attracted Jews of all ages and apparently is the anchor around which the Jewish community is functioning.

During our visit to Sao Paulo, my wife spent some time at a Jewish orphan's home which was the highlight of the trip, as far as she was concerned. The youngsters ranging from three years to 16 years, all girls, were preparing for the visit of our group by studying Hebrew and Portuguese songs, etc. Everything went along rather formally until Goldie Kweller, the president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, suddenly took a group of the ladies and the men and led them in singing some Hebrew songs to the children. Apparently, this

electrified the group and from there on, it was a wonderful experience for the children as well as the visitors.

We made the usual visits to the points of interest, including the Hebraica, and the next day we were off to Buenos Aires for the important formal events of the Study Conference. Here we found our schedule had been carefully and beautifully arranged by the head of the Seminario Rabinico, Marshall Meyer.

Rabbi Marshall Meyer was sent to Buenos Aires in 1962 to act as Assistant to Rabbi Schlesinger in the largest German-Jewish Orthodox/Conservative congregation in the city. After several years, he left the Congregation Israelita and started his own Congregation Beth El. About the same time, he also commenced the operations of the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano which, as its name implies, trains rabbis for conservative pulpits in Latin America and abroad. As a matter of fact, they have placed several of their graduates in United States pulpits as well as in most of the major cities of South America.

Those of us who are acquainted with the leadership of Solomon Schechter as one of the great founders of the Conservative Movement in the United States must inevitably compare Rabbi Marshall Meyer with the great Schechter. He has single-handedly established Conservative Judaism with strong, deep roots in Latin America. In addition to the Congregation Beth El and the Seminario, he has established a Camp Ramah program which attracts the youth of Argentina and other countries. Most important of all, he has attracted to himself a group of dedicated men and women who have the means as well as the desire to enrich the life of the Jewish community in Buenos Aires.

We were present at a special ceremony in which an entire, new building adjoining the present premises was being constructed for the Seminario. One family decided to dedicate the new building, which will cost \$3.5 million, in memory of their son who was killed in a traffic accident shortly before his marriage. The name of the prospective daughter-in-law was also included in the tablet honoring his memory.

Nearby at the Congregation Beth El, they are also building a \$3.0 million addition containing classrooms and other facilities. Apparently, the Jews of Buenos Aires are both affluent and dedicated.

Thursday evening, we attended a reception in the home of the president of the Seminario Rabinico, Mr. and Mrs. Zuchuwicki. It was on the 14th floor of a beautiful apartment building and reminded one of the better residences in New York City. They were gracious hosts and it wasn't until later that we learned that Mr. Zuchuweicki's father had been killed in a kidnapping attempt some few years ago.

You can see from the above that I am referring to some of the shadows as well as the bright spots in the life of the Jews of Buenos Aires and Latin America.

On Friday evening, we attended services along with about 500 other congregants. Rabbi Marshall Meyer conducted the services and introduced the dignitaries who led us on the trip. These included Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, the acting president of the World Council of Synagogues, Mr. Si Schwartz, president of the United Synagogue of America, and Mrs. Goldie Kweller, president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

It was a very interesting service in which the singing was accompanied by a flute, an organ and a violin.

The Sabbath morning services were a continuation of a full house

of worshippers which we saw on Friday night. Again, there were several Bar Mitzvahs, but even there, we could see that most of the congregation were "regulars". After the Oneg Shabbat in the synagogue, we were again invited by various families to partake of the Sabbath midday meal. Unfortunately, my wife had contracted a bad cough so our lunch at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Nicenboim was not all that it could have been due to the inclement weather along with Sylvia's cold.

We attended Havdalah services and again, we were impressed by the large attendance of youngsters, teen-agers and older persons, all of whom were enthusiastically participating in the songs and prayers of this beautiful ceremony.

Getting back to our trip . . . The next day we were taken to various points of interest including the Hebraica. We attended a fish luncheon and heard some remarks about the current conditions in Argentina. One dramatic note occurred when the rabbi was told that a waiter was repeating his English speech in Spanish, in the kitchen. This led some of the members to feel that this particular waiter was a member of the Secret Police. When Rabbi Meyer asked if anyone was taping his remarks, a nice little old lady said she was doing it. He immediately asked her for the cassette which she refused to give him. In a very emotional voice he said, "Please give it to me because my life may depend on it." She surrendered the cassette.

So much for the facts of the trip. Now, a few words about my impressions.

First of all, I feel that Jews in Latin America live with one suitcase packed in the hall closet. There does not seem to be a feeling of permanence or a feeling of utter reliance upon their ongoing safety as individuals or as a group. Nevertheless, in spite of this insecurity, in some cases they are building strong Jewish roots, and

this bodes well for the future.

What the Conservative Movement has done in Buenos Aires is reflected to some lesser extent in the influence of the rabbis who have been graduated from the Seminario. They are spreading a dynamic brand of Judaism to their congregations which includes the involvement of the youngsters as well as the teenagers, middle aged, and older people.

The fact that youngsters are involved with Judaism is to some extent weaning them away from the radicalism of the '60's and the early '70's, especially in Argentina. During those years, there was less of an anchor to their identity as Jews, so they sought association with the leftist groups and did the equivalent of what our own yuppies and hippies were doing during the '60's in the United States. Unfortunately, in Latin America there is not the leniency which we feel towards others in the U.S.A. As a result, it was said that a great deal of persecution was vented upon young Jewish students. A number of them "disappeared".

However, there are always two sides to the story. The fact is that in Latin America, there is no middle ground. It is either a dictatorship of the right or a dictatorship of the left. In the case of Argentina, it is the rightist dictatorship. In the case of Cuba, a leftist. In either case, however, the Jews must either conform completely to the wishes and vagaries of the rulers, or else.

In the case of Latin America, the persecutions are not directed primarily against Jews, but against individuals or groups who have the temerity to criticize the ruling authorities.

Now that I have written about the situation in Latin America, one final word—it's great to be back.

Thank you.

Kibbitzing-Community News



Emma Retchin

LOCAL WOMAN ELECTED NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH

Emma Retchin, of Wilmington, N.C. was elected national vice president of Hadassah, the largest women's volunteer organization in the U.S., at its convention in Los Angeles. A member of the National Board, she has held both local and national offices. She is the former national chairman of the Constitution Committee as well as past president of the Southern Region and of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah.

FARBER-BERLIN WEDDING

Maralyn Farber and Gary Stephen Berlin were married on Saturday evening, October 25 at Temple Emanu-El in Weldon, N.C. Rabbis Reuben Kesner of Whiteville and David Kraus of Rocky Mount officiated. Music prior to the candlelight ceremony was provided by Dwight Berry, pianist; Mike Arny, flutist; and Nan Deans, soloist. A reception at the Chockoyotte Country Club followed the

ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Morton Farber of Weldon, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Berlin of Bethesda, Maryland.

The maid of honor was Sandy J. Kline of Kensington, Maryland, cousin of the bride. Karen M. Berlin of New York, N.Y., sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. Best man was Greg M. Berlin, brother of the groom. The ushers were Henry W. Farber of Wilmington, N. C. and Ben H. Kline of East Riverdale, Maryland.



Maralyn Farber Berlin

The bride is a cum laude graduate of the University of North Carolina with a Bachelor's degree in English literature. She is a Public Information Specialist for the National Cancer Institute Communications Department of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. The groom graduated from Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering degree. He is a partner in his father's real estate development firm located in Washington, D.C. and Bethesda.

Following a wedding trip to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, the couple

will reside in Bethesda.

N.C. HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE

by Rose Massachi

The following businesses were among the contributors to the Hebrew Academy's recent attic sale. They are listed here as an expression of the Academy's gratitude for their generous support.

Family Dollar, Paul Simon Julie's, Piedmont Floor Covering Collins Dept. Store, Ellman's Ackerman's Style Center, The Party Store, Carolina East Coast Hobbies, Sosnik Jewelers, Shir Factory Outlet, Record Bar Leisure World, The Fireplace Store, Merle Norman, Kirkland's Garibaldi & Bruns, Carlyle & Co. Stride rite, American Express Sharon Luggage, Harris Teeter Highland Mills, The Knit Wits Speizman Industries, Peggy Houston Lamps, Plej's, Radiator Specialty Co., Carolina Restaurant Supply, Field's Jewelers, Pic N Pay, L & S Fashions, The Home Economy, Fred S. Lewin, The Hut Uniform, Dixie Wholesale, Jamco National Hat, The Donut Place Lebo's, Federal Bakery, Goody Hair Products, Boro Toy Co., He Royal Highness Creations Ltd. Ronald Marcus, Zava Rosenberg Zayre's, Bush Stationers, The Wooden Spoon, Music Box Stroups Cotswald, Prestow Cleaners, Homelite, Matt Luft glass, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pesakoff, Lee and Roger Grosswald.

On November 6th, the Horin v'Morim (P.T.A.) sponsored a covered-dish dinner, which followed with a meeting. It was an enjoyable evening filled with delicious food, good friends, and P.T.A. reports.

Recently the Academy initiated a

philatelic study and stamp collecting program for all-age students under the direction of one of the parents, Nevel Overton-Slack, who is a postal investigator. The children have enjoyed this new venture, and have learned a great deal.

According to Lani Levine, a teacher at the Academy, the 5th and 6th graders have recently received a donation from Mrs. Ruth Cohen, owner of the In Stitches Needlepoint Shop in Charlotte. She has provided both the canvas and yarn to be used in a math project. The children are studying graphs and are each doing a needlepoint of their initials after figuring the respective coordinates on their canvas. It has given them a great feeling of accomplishment, and has shown them an everyday application for graphing.

Shoshana Ravivi, a Hebrew teacher at the Academy, reports that she is working with all of the students to build their conversational Hebrew as much as possible. The upper graders have been bringing pictures of interest to them from magazines, which relate to a specific mood; for example, an older woman making bread with a young girl. This provides a chance to learn the words for the things in the picture, as well as to describe the feeling which the picture relates to them.

In a science unit, Nancy Goodman has been teaching the 3rd and 4th graders about the various kinds of animals and plants. A trip to the Charlotte Nature Museum, where they saw and got to touch some of the animals which they had studied in class provided a reinforcement of what they had learned. The 5th and 6th graders joined them on this trip and were anxiously awaiting their chance to dissect a frog in their science class the following week.

B'NAI SHALOM SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL GREENSBORO, N.C.

by Ronnie Kutchei

How proud we are! Simone Obadiah, one of our sixth graders, was selected to be a contributing editor by the "World Over", a magazine for Jewish schools published by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater New York. Simone's first article, with her picture, appeared in the November issue of the magazine. Her next article will be on Tu Bishvat and we look forward to reading it in the coming "World Over."

The parent group of the school sponsored a tupperware party at the home of Merryl Shaffir. Debbie Rosenberger chaired this project very enthusiastically and effectively, providing fun and fellowship and in the process raising funds for special school projects.

The children are busy reading—reading—reading—in honor of Jewish Book Month. The entire school is participating in the "Great National Jewish Read-In" program for the benefit of the Jewish Braille Institute of America. The children are working for Tzedaka and enriching themselves at the same time. We hope to have some winners to announce at a future date.

On December 10th, a group of B'nai Shalom children will participate in the Hanuka service at the I.D. Blumenthal Home. The children will light the Menora, sing songs, visit and eat dinner with the residents. We look forward to performing this important mitzvah of Bikur Holim.

Our Monday morning assemblies have been exciting, bringing a variety of visitors to the school. Rabbi Edward Feldheim read to the children and discussed the story of two brothers who cared deeply for each other. Rabbi Arnold Task

told us a story which emphasized the relationship of a child to the world around us. Rabbi Robert Sandman demonstrated to the children the significance and use of tefilin and talit gadol in connection with the study of prayer. Rabbi Shimon Moch involved the children in an exciting discussion on Tzedaka. Mr. Oled Ben Hur, Vice Consul of the Israeli Consulate in Atlanta visited with the children and transported them, in spirit, if not in body, to the State of Israel. We look forward to additional visits by the Rabbis and other resource people.

HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

by Lee Lewin

Winter is upon us, although we hardly know where the time has gone since our last report. Right on

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the heels of the departure of our summer people in September and October comes the majesty and the glory of the fall colors in the mountains, and again the visitors come to drink in the beauty of nature. This year was a magnificent one, one to be remembered.

This is also the quiet time. Groups settle into card games, mah jongg, and quiet socializing. The meetings let up their hectic pace, but continue. At the Brotherhood meeting on Sunday, October 12th, an informative talk on Wills and Estates was given by Mr. Robert Deutsch, an attorney.

The annual congregational meeting of Agudas Israel was held on Sunday, October 26th. New officers were elected and installed as follows: *President*, Mr. Morris Kaplan; *Vice-President*, Mr. Morris Kalin; *Secretary*, Mrs. Anne Kaplan, and *Treasurer*, Mr. Egon Timfold. We wish them all a successful year. Annual reports were given and we seem to be in sound physical and financial condition. Our members are all very busy people. It was noted that out of our fifty family members we have people represented in 37 different voluntary organizations throughout the community. We are very proud of that record, and we salute all those who are involved. Our congregation was also recognized by the Red Mogen David Adom for the contribution of time and money made to them, and we received a **plaque** to this effect which hangs proudly in our social hall. After the men's meeting the Ladies Auxiliary met briefly and they decided to have a Chanukah party. This was put into committee and will be reported as plans are completed.

One most important project was not formerly or formally reported before and so we wish to complete the record for this year. During March 1980, our three Sefer Torahs were taken to a Sefer in Brooklyn, New York, by Mr. Mitchell Lewin, for inspection and repair. Upon completion they were

brought back by Mr. Fred S. Lewin, in good repair and completely kosher, and hopefully they will continue to serve us for many more years to come. This was a labor of love for the Lewin family, and the Agudas Israel Congregation expressed grateful appreciation for this accomplishment.

In the new arrival department, we extend a welcome to Andrew S. Deutsch, new born son of Carol and Robert Deutsch. The Bris was held on September 17th. We wish Mazel Tov to the parents, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cohen and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deutsch, and to the great grandmothers, Mrs. Adolph Deutsch and Mrs. Bernard Albert.

We also congratulate our president, Mr. Morris Kaplan, on his Hall of Fame award for his dedication to the Agudas Israel Congregation, and also for his participation in numerous community activities.

We wish you all a Happy Chanukah. Enjoy with your families and friends the dreidls, the latkes, the Chanukah lights, and the rededication to Judaism. See you all next time.

CHARLOTTE ATTORNEY MAURICE WEINSTEIN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF B'NAI B'RITH

Maurice A. Weinstein of Charlotte, N.C., has been elected chairman of the International Council of B'nai B'rith.

A longtime student of international affairs, Weinstein served previously as council chairman, having been elected in 1955 as its second chairman. He has been a member of B'nai B'rith for more than 35 years.

CHARLOTTE B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte BBW held a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 11 a.m. in the Jewish Community Center. Loretta Barman recited the Motzie and we all partook of a lovely luncheon of salads.

Our program for the day was called "Special Effects". We learned about proper make-up glamour tips, what is best for your wardrobe and skin care. All this was made possible by Audrey Morris and Paula Lohrmann from Specialty Shops on the Park.

On Sept. 9th Barbie Weiner and Joyce Levenstein held a coffee and recruited some new members to BBW, and many attended the first meeting.

BBW mailed out 1300 Calendars to the Jewish Community in time for the holidays. A thank you to Arlene Shapiro and Joan Gordor who made it all possible.

BBW along with BBL held a "Night at the Races" on Saturday Oct. 18th at the JCC. A wonderful fun evening was had for those who attended; and the people who didn't attend really missed a good time.

On Oct. 15th at Charlottetown Mall a "Hearing" screening program was held for Easter Seals. The ladies who participated in doing this service program was Vick Hopkins, Sally Winokeur, Thelma Levy and Donna Apple.

BBW are now busy in selecting this year's recipient to win the "Human Relation Awards," given each year to a person who has given himself to the community services above and beyond his or her profession or call of duty.

Applause! Applause! to BB Haila Lailah for winning a second year the Sidney G. Kussworm Award given by the national BB organization for outstanding volunteer service to the community.

BBW wants to wish everyone in the Jewish Community a healthy and happy Hanukah.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

BIG NEWS this year is Sisterhood's BONDERAMA. For the purchase of a \$25 ticket there will be a raffle of a \$50 U.S. Savings bond each week for thirty-six weeks. Winning tickets will be returned to the accumulated tickets sold, and will provide an additional chance in the grand culmination raffle to be held in June at the BONDERAMA DINNER DANCE. On that evening numerous Israel and U.S. Savings Bonds will be raffled, in denominations from \$50 to \$900. Buy \$25 tickets from Barbara Levin, 366-4534.

Temple Israel Sisterhood members enjoyed a Fashion Show at its opening meeting of this season. After a Luncheon, fall fashions were presented by Lucille Vogue with commentary by Ann Parrish Corely.

On November 11 Sisterhood held its annual joint evening meeting combined with the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El. Members and husbands were treated to coffee and cake, and the wonderful experience of listening to Gladys Lavitan's reviews of recently published books, including "American Mosaic."

The Young Couples club, together with the Temple Israel Family, welcomed New Members with a social evening on Saturday, November 15. There were refreshments, music, and pleasure for all.

Congratulations to Maurice Weinstein, elected Chairman of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, which administers B'nai B'rith operations throughout the world in its relationships with the United Nations, UNESCO, and forty-one countries.

Temple Israel Sisterhood's President, Debbie Hirsch, attended the Biennial Convention of the Women's League of Conservative Judaism at the Concord in the Catskill Mountains. She had a wonderful time, and she has returned to Charlotte with great enthusiasm, enriched by new friendships and ideas which are important and useful for Sisterhood and Temple Israel.

During Friday Evening Services on October 17, Sol Jaffa was installed as an Honorary Life President of Temple Israel. He was elected to this office by the Board of Directors. A member of the illustrious Jaffa family, all of whom have worked for the Temple and community with sincere devotion, Sol continues to be a bulwark of support for the Temple, as are his family.

Temple Israel Men's Club invited political candidates to speak at the Sunday breakfast meeting on October 26, as the Election drew near.

Both of Temple Israel's Couples Clubs are planning New Year's Eve parties. The original Couples Club will celebrate at the Sharon View Country Club with a cocktail party followed by a dinner and dancing to a top Carolina orchestra. Send reservations to Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Road, Charlotte. \$50 per couple. For information call Avery Waldman, 364-1100 or Lillian Bienstock, 542-0094.

Young Couples Club will have its New Year's Eve party at Valentino's Restaurant. Live music, all food and drinks will be provided for \$50 per couple. Send reservations to Larry Gerber, P. O. Box 414, Newell, N. C. 28126.

DR. SAMUEL NEWMAN DEDICATES STUDENT CENTER

On October 5 Dr. Samuel New-

man of Danville, North Carolina, made the official presentation to the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill of the Jay Newman Macht Medical Student Center, in memory of his grandson, Jay Newman Macht, a student at the University.

Dr. Newman and his wife are alumni of the University. Among those present at the Dedication Ceremony were his grandson and granddaughter, Jon David Macht, University of Virginia, Miss Amy Siegel of New York, and his niece, Mrs. Sam Freedman of Durham. Dr. Newman contributes frequently to the Times Outlook.

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I would like to commend the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women for their service and civic contributions to our state. They sponsor scholarships, work as volunteers, and initiate

projects and programs needed in communities.

Many of their members are also members of the National Council of Jewish Women who work in the Child Abuse and Prevention Program in Greensboro, North Carolina. These women put their shoulders to the wheel side by side with other members of their community to create a task force which make things happen. Mrs.

Lavietes' article describes the progress in this program, the educational activities, alerting the public about the magnitude of the problem, and the resulting services that are provided to support families. Particularly vital are the parent training and day care programs which are invaluable to parents in crisis.

I congratulate the Jewish Women of North Carolina for their contributions to improving the quality of life for all North Carolinians young and old, rich and poor.

Sarah Morrow, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary, N.C. Department
of Human Resources

by Barbara Lavietes

About seven years ago, The Greensboro Section of NCJW joined forces with other activists' citizens of Greensboro to create a task force whose aims were to study the growing problem of child abuse and neglect in our community and to develop a program of preventive service.

NCJW women accepted the challenge of mounting a public awareness campaign. The Speakers Bureau, comprised of NCJW members, was organized, trained and became the public education arm of Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS). its goal was to raise community awareness and support for the efforts of the newly created agency CAPS which was the outgrowth of this dedicated group of laymen and professionals.

CAPS, beginning with no budget and all volunteers, soon found a real need for both money and professionals to enact programs which would provide the services so desperately needed. A director was hired, the Parents Anonymous group was initiated, Parent Aides were hired and trained (one at a

time as money would allow). The Speakers Bureau kept its small group of skilled members busy. Anywhere that people were gathered was considered appropriate for the CAPS program to be explained and discussed. Letters were sent to organizations asking for invitations for the speakers, radio spots were broadcast, and word of mouth advertising promised that we would bring a valuable and interesting program.

All these activities began to have results. Gradually CAPS became recognized as vital to the community, was included in the county budgeting, and with continued financial support from private sources, including NCJW, achieved eligibility for Title XX federal funds. Subsequently, CAPS became a recipient of United Way funding.

As the needs of the community have increased, so have the services of CAPS steadily strengthened. CAPS now serves the entire county. The need for public participation has grown as well, for it is through the efforts of public education that actual prevention of abuse and neglect can be a fact.

Not only does the Speakers Bureau explain the problem of abuse and neglect, we lobby for public support for development of classes in parenting skills and other family-directed curriculum in public schools, keep CAPS in the public eye in order to reach local money and maintain public support. We describe the services available and encourage potential clients to seek help. We go into classrooms, from junior-high through graduate university level, meet with teachers groups, nursery school mothers, PTAs, Civitans, Sertoma, Lions, Women's Clubs, college alumni, pastors conferences, professional organizations and church groups of all ages.

By 1978 CAPS had achieved stature to attract other community

volunteer aid as well. The basic program was enlarged to include a crisis nursery where mothers could leave their children without charge for a morning, three days a week. This nursery was developed and run by volunteers of the Junior League. Housed in space contributed by the First Presbyterian Church, the nursery enabled CAPS to service clients in a new and vital way.

In the fall of 1978, with the assistance of NCJW volunteers, CAPS was awarded a three-year \$25,000.00 federal grant designated for program development. Now a more comprehensive list of services was added to the core program. These included an early intervention program based in Cone Memorial Hospital; an expansion of the crisis nursery to include professional staff and more availability through more open hours; parenting workshops for troubled parents; research and program development designed to reach the growing numbers of sexually abused children; strengthened professional staff to reinforce the entire base of service.

At present CAPS offer multiple family support services to about 40 families and over 100 children monthly. The staff has grown to nearly thirty people, part and full-time, most of whom are paid minimum wage with very few additional benefits. Funding for the projected quarter-million dollar budget for the next year remains a major problem.

Greensboro Section NCJW continues to man the Speakers Bureau and has extended its financial support continuously for the past five years and has close input to the administration through its representation on the (CAPS) Policy Council. At present, one of the NCJW members serves as vice-chairman of that board.

Looking back over a list of Greensboro Section NCJW contributions to the larger community which the first day-care center in Greensboro, the initiation of the book-mobile, audio testing in public schools, the women of NCJW are proud to have had a major role in the development of this community service, child abuse prevention, and to add this project to the list of valued contributions we have made.

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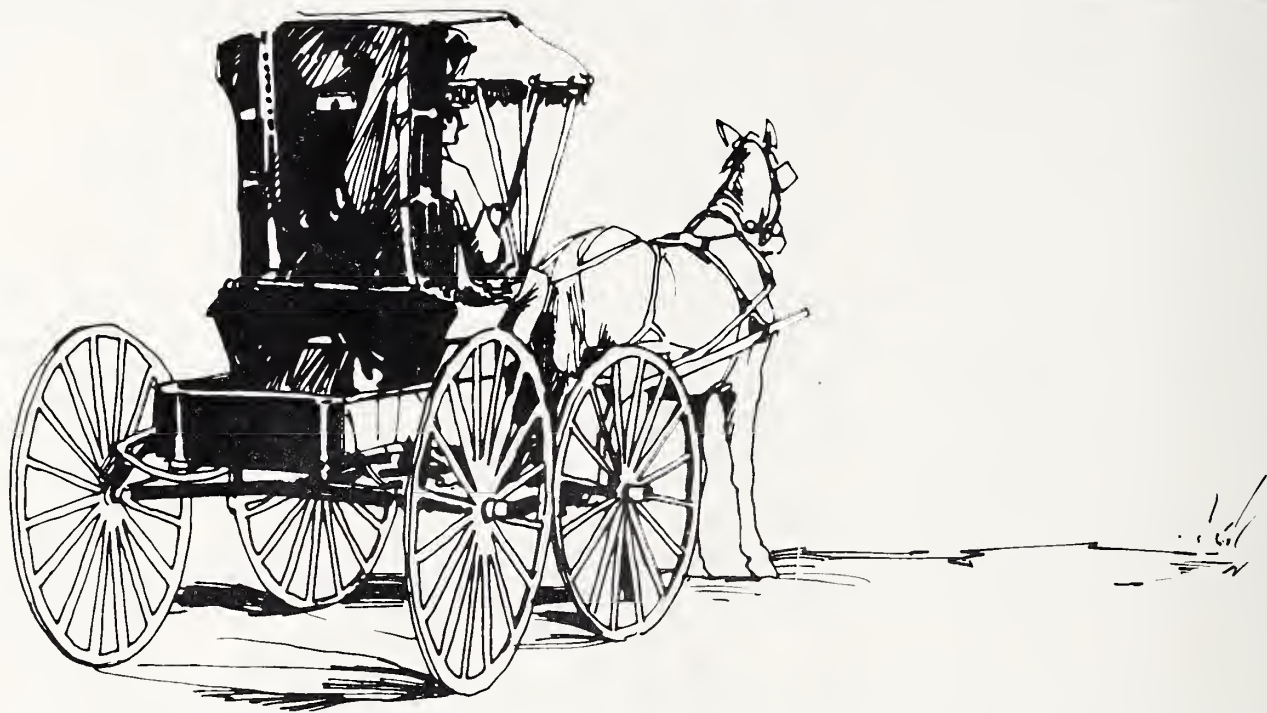
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How We Arrived



HOW WE ARRIVED by Professor Arnold Shankman of Winthrop College, excerpted from his article in JEWISH CURRENTS, a monthly publication from New York, Editor: Morris U. Schnappes.

MINA SURASKY TROPP

My parents were both born in Russian Poland. My father, Hiram (Haim) Charles Surasky, had served in the army of the Tsar for four years. Another four years of service were required; but in the 1890's to escape this additional military duty he stole across the border. Family and friends helped him get to America, the land of no yellow tickets and no pogroms against Jews, where hallah was eaten not only on the Sabbath but all through the week. Meanwhile his young wife Friedel had to be left in the old country.

Hiram experienced a trying sojourn in New York, working at odd jobs, all with slender earnings, barely covering his daily personal expenses. The hope and dream of

sending for his wife seemed far out of reach. A brother-in-law, H. L. Polier, and an older brother, Benedict (Baruch), had some years earlier settled in Aiken, S.C. (1900 population—3,414). In response to a letter from Benedict advising him to come South my father did so.

Such was the beginning of the new life for my father, just as it had been for his four brothers, Benedict, Solomon, Sam and Abraham.

After three years in the United States my father was able to bring Mother to Aiken. I recollect Mama describing her first winter in Aiken. After the freezing *shtetl* all the greenery here was to her a veritable miracle.

I am the oldest in our family. My sisters are Esther Persky and Dora Laurel (d. 1980). The baby of the family is my brother Ralph, who until his retirement in 1976 was head of the mathematics and science department at the University of South Carolina, Aiken campus.

My father had golden hands. He could do anything with the right tools. His talents made it possible for us to have many advantages that others in our circumstances could not afford. With paint, wall paper and lumber Papa would renovate a shabby house we were renting. However, the landlord would then evict us and sell the house to a willing buyer. Before I was 22 we had moved 11 times.

Both our parents loved books. Their library was full of English, French, German and Russian classics and current books in Yiddish translation. They also subscribed to the Yiddish dailies and weeklies. Often my father read to us; he was a great reader. I had a talented and interesting mother. She was a skilled seamstress, an excellent cook and an expert housekeeper. With great ingenuity she could make something out of nothing.

Mama had one big fault: she was always too busy to learn how to speak perfect English. This inability gave her an inferiority com-

plex. Incredible as it may seem, I do not remember her ever shopping for groceries. It was as simple as this; she would not go to the store because she had not mastered the king's English.

Mama was a believing orthodox Jew. She was not a fanatic and her adherence to *kashruth* and Jewish rituals was based on a love for the ways in the home of her childhood. My father even more than my mother imbued us with a love for our heritage.

In the 1930's my husband and I were in Charleston when we first received verification of the terrible things happening to the Jews of Germany and all the other countries Hitler was invading. Immediately we decided to do whatever we could to save whoever could be rescued. We were Americans and safe. Yet we knew that, but for the grace of God, we too might have been in Nazi Europe.

Justine Wise Polier, Stephen Wise's daughter and wife of Shad Polier*, wrote me about the Wagner-Rogers Bill to rescue Jewish

and Christian children from Europe. She asked me to get as many people as possible to write our Congressmen and Senators to favor the entrance of these children into the United States. I went all over the state, pleading with our Christian citizens, especially those with political influence, to send letters or at least to sign a petition in behalf of the children. Most did, and I was able to get some articles in South Carolina newspapers that were sympathetic to my cause.

We did not succeed. Money was no problem. Ample homes were available. Congress, however, did not respond. Our immigration laws remained unaltered, and the gates to America remained shut tight.

Telling of this helps explain why my husband and I were so greatly involved in doing all we could to promote the creation of and continued existence of Israel.

*Shad Polier grew up in Aiken. Harris (always called H. L.) Polier, mentioned in this memoir, was the first Jewish resident of Aiken and was Shad's father.—A. S.

TAYGLACH

by Wilma Asrael

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup self rising flour
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons oil

Sift dry ingredients together. Beat 3 eggs with 2 tablespoons oil. Gradually mix dry ingredients into eggs. Knead until smooth. Roll into ½-inch roll between hands. Cut into ½-inch lengths.

In a heavy pot put 1 cup sugar, 1 cup honey, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1½ teaspoons ginger. Bring to rolling boil, then allow to simmer. Add the half-inch pieces of dough, one at a time, so that they do not stick together. Cover and cook 15 minutes. Shake pot; do not stir. Check to see they are well coated, and if necessary, turn very gently to prevent crystallization. Cook 15 minutes more, leaving cover off the last 10 minutes to thicken.

Remove from heat and add one-half cup water. Add chopped, toasted almonds and raisins, if desired, and stir.

Store in covered jar.

This is an excellent recipe for an old delicacy, seldom served now.

LATKES

(Grated Potato Pancakes)
Traditional Chanukah Food

- 3 lbs. Idaho potatoes
- 3 extra large eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- grated onion, if desired

Grate potatoes by hand, preferably on a "safety grater". Lift off excess liquid and discard. Add other ingredients.

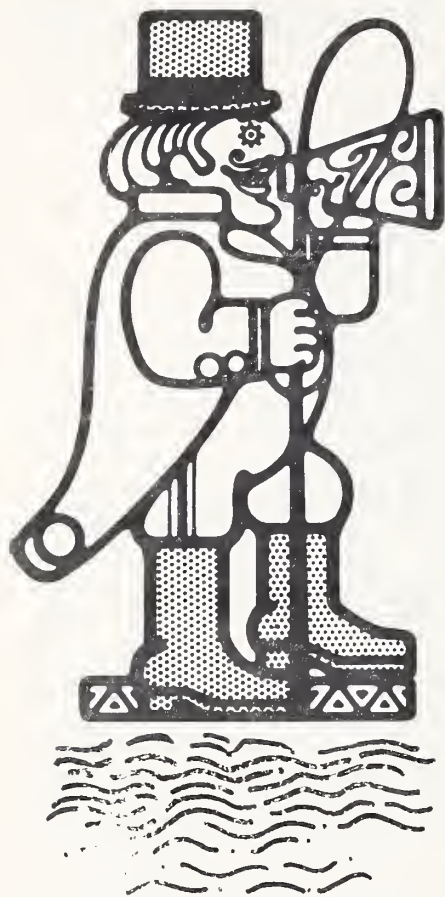
Fry pancakes in a generous amount of vegetable oil. Turn to brown second side.

Potato pancakes made this way do not become soggy. They may be kept warm in oven while others are frying. This recipe makes 24 large pancakes.

Serve with warm applesauce or fruit compote.

Tradition In The Kitchen





QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

by Lazar Chotiner

Q. *We are all familiar with "Murphy's Law". It exists in many versions, the most common being, "If anything can go wrong, it will." Do we Jews have a Mottel's or Menachem's Law?* M. W., Charlotte
A. In searching for an answer we learned that Rabbi Irving Rosenbaum, past President of the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, researched this problem. Here is his answer:

Murphy is a mythical character who was but one of those who concocted such so-called laws. This concept of a "law" is borrowed from the physical sciences, where such rules must always work, must be universally applicable, and it helps if it is funny. Here are some gems Rabbi Rosenbaum found:

Sevareid's Law: The chief cause of problems is solutions.

Maier's Law: If facts do not conform to theory, they must be disposed of.

Hoffman's Law: The idea is to die young as late as possible.

Jones's Law: Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

Whisperer's Law: People will believe anything, if you whisper it.

Rosenbaum's Law: When all said and done, all is said and lit done.

Macaulay's Law: A man will should act, for one day, on the supposition that all the people about him were influenced by the religion they professed would find himself ruined by night.

Bok's Law: If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

Swift's Law: We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.

Pascal's Rule: Men never do evil fully and so happily as when they do for conscience's sake.

Billing's Law: Live within your income, even if you have to borrow to do so.

Bismarck's Law: When you say that you agree to a thing on principle, you mean that you have not the slightest intention of carrying it out in practice.

Brady's Law: Though a good deed is too strange to be believed, nothing is too strange to have happened.

NAZIS ON THE BALLOT

Disturbed by the fact that Nazis run for office with some success in several states, and that their names appear on the ballot under the Democratic or Republican Party heading, we appealed to State Senator Marshall A. Rauch of Gastonia for means of prevention, or forcing them to run as Nazis. The Attorney General replied to Senator Rauch, "There is no way that the State or Federal government can prevent such persons from seeking office under the Constitution of the United States, as applied by the U. S. Supreme Court." Request for a ballot of either party in a Primary Election entitles one to become a candidate on that party's ballot subsequently. Responsibility rests with the voter to be informed about the candidates.

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Letters To The Editor

Wednesday Judith and I spoke and played music at Wildacres. The occasion was the Autumn Institute of Senior Scholars of Charlotte, N.C. It was a very unusual and rewarding experience for us. The group was most responsive, alive, probing and very sensitive to many of the subtler phenomena that have influenced the developments of the arts over the years.

In addition, since it was our first contact with Wildacres, the beautiful setting, the warmth and cooperative spirit, the so friendly and relaxed spirit of each one we met made it seem as though we had returned to our alma mater.

I also want to tell you what a fantastic project Mr. Blumenthal has set-up and financed all these years. I can't think of a happier and more useful way to make a social contribution. Today we began to spread the story of Wildacres and Senior Scholars.

Most sincerely,
Horace Grenell
Burnsville, N.C.

God doesn't hear the prayers of a Jew? I offer my apologies that one who calls himself a Baptist should say such an offensive thing.

The writer is pastor at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church.

It is my fervent hope that most Baptists disavow the colossal absurdity of Bailey Smith that "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew." Poor Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Buber, Heschel. With profound embarrassment, I offer my apologies to them and all the other pious Jews that one who calls himself a Baptist should say such an offensive thing and proceed to baptize the bigotry in the name of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps my best answer is in a response to Housman when he said:

"How odd
of God
To choose
The Jews."
To which someone replied:
"But not so odd
As those who choose
The Jewish God
And spurn the Jews."

JAMES S. POTTER

Charlotte

(Courtesy of Pastor James S. Potter)

I read the questions and answers. I thoroughly enjoyed the column. Thanks for sharing this with me and the other readers through the "Times Outlook."

The magazine has both content and style. I enjoy reading the "Times Outlook."

Blessings,
Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin

I just received my copy of the Times-Outlook and want to express my appreciation to you both for the beautiful and very thorough article on my mother and father. I have heard all of the stories, but to have it all written as you have done is something that will always be cherished by me and my family.

With every good wish, I am
Cordially yours,
Stephen W. Sutker

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE ANTI- DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

The days spent with members of the Christian-Jewish Congress of South Carolina were particularly rewarding to me. Meta Miller wrote me a note saying that all of the evaluations of the Institute were

extremely positive. To that I add my resounding agreement.

I suppose few of us have been spared the media attention given to Dr. Bailey Smith's (President of the Southern Baptist Convention) statement. "With all due respect to those dear people, my friends, God almighty does not hear the prayer of the Jew." It is this kind of particularism and mindset we were discussing at Wildacres, indicating there is a tremendous amount of work to be done toward improving Christian-Jewish understanding. ADL found it heartening that many Baptist ministers and other religious leaders spoke out and contacted Jewish friends and leaders to say, "Dr. Smith does not speak for me." Dr. Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention said he is sure God looks with love and concern upon all who turn to him in faith.

by Betty G. Cantor,
Associate Director



WILDACRES RETREAT

SENIOR SCHOLARS AT WILDACRES

Senior Scholars of Charlotte convened at Wildacres from October 6th to 10th for their Autumn Institute. Eighty-three members attended, of whom many had participated in a previous session at Wildacres in June of this year.

Amidst colorful October mountain scenery, the first day's program was led by Boyd Mattison, naturalist of the Wildacres staff. He spoke about "Fall in the Southern Highlands" and conducted an excursion to Mt. Mitchell for "Leaf Peeking." He presented to the group beautifully printed booklets he had obtained from the United States Forest Service, "Important Trees of Eastern Forests," an aid to the identification of trees in our area.

The natural wealth of Carolina mountains is enriched by the residence of many scholars and artists, an added resource for those who plan retreats at Wildacres. From Mars Hill graciously came Dr. Evelyn Underwood, a native of the area. Formerly the head of the History Department of Mars Hill College, Dr. Underwood is known to be an unexcelled authority on Appalachian history, having been devoted to research and study of that subject. Her morning lecture was "People of Southern Appalachia: Who We Are," tracing the origins of settlers in the region. Her afternoon session, entitled "Factors Influencing the Development of the Region and Its People," was held outdoors on the patio, in view of the mountains in which those people lived. The attending Senior Scholars, captivated by the fluent language and erudition of Dr. Underwood, engaged in enthusiastic discussion related to Southern Appalachia.

Enjoying his retirement at Little Switzerland near Wildacres, is Dr. Arthur Fink, a former Professor of Social Work, past head of that Department at U N C CH, whose background includes a year in England as a Fulbright Teacher. There have been seven editions of his textbook on Social Work, first published in 1942. The subject for his morning lecture, "Public Welfare—Why? What Does It Cost? What Does It Do? If Not Welfare, What?" started in the year 1600 in England during the reign of Elizabeth I. The British experience furnished the background of our system in the United States. No solutions were reached during the discussion period which followed the story of the history of Public Welfare and its present problems.

In the afternoon, Dr. Fink told about "Medical Care in Great Britain and the United States," comparing the British National Health Service to Medicare and Medicaid in the United States, including his experiences in both countries. The congenial personality of Dr. Fink and the provocative substance of his topics produced a good-natured, albeit heated discussion.

The highlight of evening programs was "Music and Civilization," presented by Judith and Horace Grenell, graduates of Juilliard School, retired now and living in Burnsville, North Carolina. Judith Grenell was a pupil of Olga Samaroff (Mrs. Leopold Stokowski) and winner of the Walter Naumburg award. She is a brilliant pianist who has appeared five times with Eugene Ormandy conducting the Philadelphia Symphony. Horace Grenell founded and directed the first record club in the United States. A student of music composition, he established a company devoted to contemporary music, primarily DESTO records. He narrated an overview of music, illustrated by the exciting piano playing of Judith Grenell and selections of recordings from

their musical library. This unique program was especially enjoyable for its explanation of the evolution of music with emphasis on its modern forms.

Nelson Painter, Square Dance Caller of Charlotte, provided recreation on another evening in the square dancing and circle dancing he taught.

Members of the group, Floyd and Dorothy Smith performed music of flute and recorder, some Hebrew songs included, which everyone sang together. Community singing was led by Elmer Doerr, accompanied by Evelyn Doerr at the piano. Nettie and Ralph Smith presided over serving refreshments provided by members each evening. Other activities during the evenings were mixer games and riddles.

Senior Scholars Institute at Wildacres was initiated and coordinated by Leo L. Hoffman, President of Senior Scholars of Charlotte, an organization of over 350 members. They meet at Myers Park Baptist Church Tuesday mornings at ten o'clock.

SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL AT WILDACRES

A lively Square Dance Festival closed the Wildacres season for 1980.

Sharing the facilities of Wildacres October 10th to 12th was a group of members of the Little Church on the Lane of Charlotte who met separately from the dancers.

After dinner Friday night, there was a Square Dance outdoors with the calling of Nelson Painter and George Lanier, Callers for Carolina Swingers and Metrolina Dancers of Charlotte.

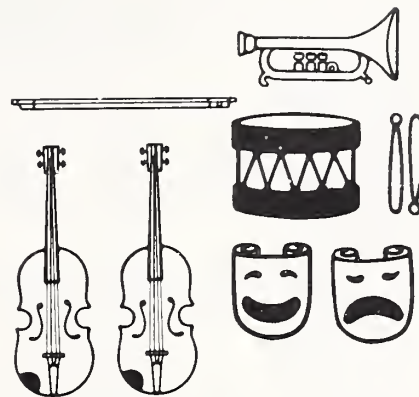
Saturday morning lectures were delivered by Frank Wyant on the Historical Background of Square Dancing, followed by a talk by Elmer Doerr on the role of Henry Ford in the popularization of square dancing. He devoted part of his fortune to this cause, engagin

the assistance of Benjamin Lovett, continuing the effort for over a quarter of this century, contributing to the present reality of the position square dancing holds as the American national dance.

October weather made the afternoon perfect for walking nature trails and exploring the vicinity. A Square Dance workshop was held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There was a culminating Square Dance Satur-

day evening. Members departed after breakfast Sunday.

In retrospect, this season at Wildacres has been one of excellence, with all participating groups offering programs of superior merit, appropriate to the purpose of Wildacres, whose motto proclaims, "Behold, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."



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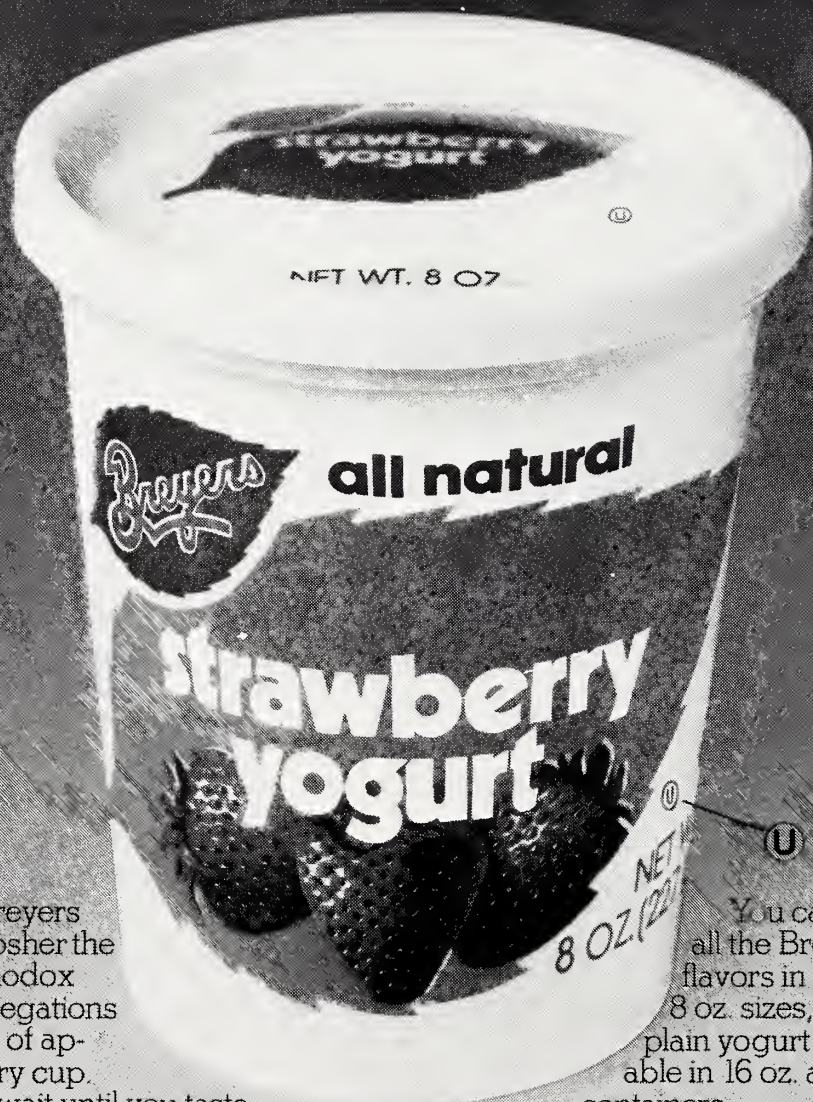
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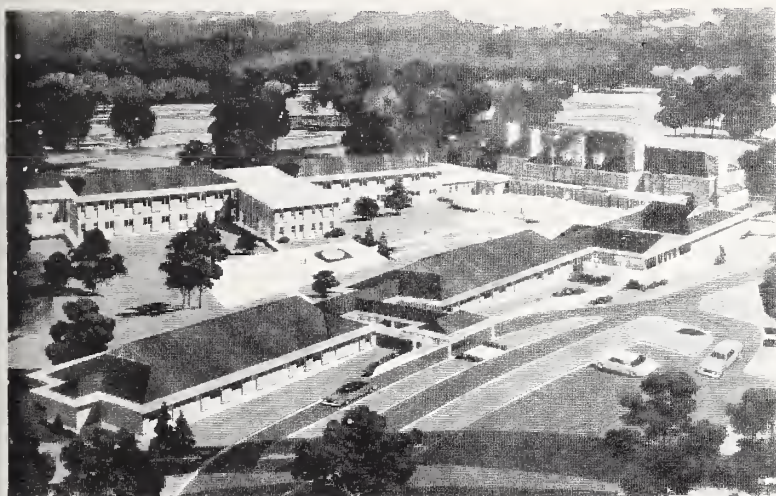
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CHANUKAH 5741

by Patti Denzer, Volunteer

The Story of the Festival of Lights

At the conclusion of the war for Jewish independence from the ancient Greeks, pure oil could not be found to kindle the lights of the Menorah which stood in the Temple. The Greeks had caused all the oils to become unclean. The priests, however, found a small bottle of oil which would last throughout the night. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight nights—long enough for the people to prepare fresh, pure olive oil. For the Jewish people, it was apparent that a special gift had been bestowed upon them. In memory of this miracle, candles are lit on the eight nights of Chanukah.

Celebration of Chanukah at the Home

For many of the Residents of the Home, the ceremony of the lighting of the Menorah candles represents a rekindling of faith. For some, it becomes a time of sharing with those less fortunate. "My parents always instilled the value of charity to others," one of the Residents remembered. At Chanukah, my

father always gave us a small amount of money. We were required to share half of it with a charity. The National Jewish Fund was usually the recipient."

This year, as in the past, children from the area's Hebrew Schools are planning to share in the ceremony of lighting the candles. Students from the B'nai Shalom school in Greensboro, from Congregation Emanuel in Statesville, from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, and from B'nai Israel in High Point are among those participating in the Chanukah celebration. A different group of students will visit the Home each of the nights of Chanukah. Children will help light the candles, exchange gifts with the Residents, and visit together with them over dinner.

Staff and Residents will anticipate the Chanukah season with a party on December 3. Gift-giving, Chanukah songs and refreshments are in store. In addition to the lighting of the Menorah in each of the Home's dining rooms, a large Menorah will be erected in the patio area between the A and B-1

Wings so that Residents and guests can observe the candles each of the nights of Chanukah. Family members and friends are invited to participate with us in the celebrations of this holiday!

Norman Olshansky Speaks At The Home

Norman Olshansky, regional director of the North Carolina-Virginia Anti-Defamation League, addressed a crowd of approximately 60 Residents and guests at the Home the evening of October 22. After an informal presentation concerning current League efforts, he spend the remainder of his time answering Resident's questions about anti-semitic events on the state, national and international levels. Following this question and answer session, he and members of the planning committee dined at the Home before returning to Winston-Salem, where he spoke on the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi parties in North Carolina and explained the implications of the

Klan/Nazi Trial currently underway in Greensboro. Mr. Olshansky's visit was made possible by the B'nai B'rith Moses Shapiro Lodge in Winston-Salem.



Norman Olshansky presenting confidential information about the A.D.L.'s current activities in N. C.

Aloha, Blumenthal Jewish Home Style

by Dale Neal

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A part of the islands came to Blumenthal Jewish Home last Tuesday, October 14. No white uniforms, but short sleeved shirts and sarongs busting with wild floral designs were worn by the staff. The residents looked festive with paper flowers adorning their

hair and leis around their necks in celebration of Hawaii Day.

The melodious music of the Pacific drifted through the halls all day, piped in through the intercoms. In the morning, travelogue films of the fiftieth state were shown readying everyone for the luau set for mid day. Anticipation was building like a volcano.

"Everyone was very excited, staff and residents house-wide about the day," said Linda Babb, a recreational therapist. At lunch, the luafeast was served, sweet and sour chicken on rice pilaf, Hawaiian style green beans with almonds and pineapple pie. Afterwards, residents and staff gathered in a room for entertainment.



Staff and Residents model their leis.

With Rick Rogers, a recreational therapist and Don Ho look-alike as master of rituals, the hula contest

began. Teresa Shoaf, a nursing assistant, demonstrated the traditional sinuous moves of the dance, then it was the rest of the staff's turn. Gladys Holcomb won first prize, graciously accepting "solid Plastic trophy" from Roger as she demonstrated her arm waving dance style.

Rose Block bumped the other contestants to gracefully win in the residents' division. Among the residents in chairs, Charles Saltzberg was judged the best hula dancer, swaying and fluttering his fingers to the soft music.

Next came the rigorous limbo dance in which participants bent over backwards to pass under a horizontal pole. Sarah Atlas passed right under to win among the residents in wheelchairs. Among the staff, a three-way tie for first went to Teresa Shoaf, Bobbie Charlton and Paul Furrow. After dancing, refreshments of fresh tropical fruits and punch were served. "I was surprised how very many residents had been to Hawaii," said a staff member. "The day brought back many memories for some of them and they talked all day, comparing notes."



Teresa Shoaf, dressed in exotic South Pacific garb, demonstrates the hula.

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Do we have correct information about your address, zip code, etc.? Please complete the following form if we need to correct our lists. Mail the form **AND** your old mailing label to:

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DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR, 1980!

by Linda Babb,
Recreation Worker

On Tuesday, October 7, a dozen Residents and six staff members from the Blumenthal Jewish Home invaded the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds! We came away with the Grand Prize for the home having the most residents to attend the annual Senior Citizens' Day festivities. Three of our female Residents became first prize winners, each claiming a ribbon for her small wrist.

After ceremonies, songs, and games with other senior citizens in the grandstand, our Residents visited exhibit halls and concession stands. Not even one person ventured on a ride! Four Residents exhibited crafts at the Fair this year, and two Residents won ribbons. Ida Polashuk entered a crocheted afghan; Alice Fruh entered a macrame hanging and a needlework "Humpty Dumpty" pillow; Abe Fine entered an original oil painting; and Charles Kappel entered a string art ship. Mr. Kappel's ship placed second in his division, and Mrs. Fruh's pillow won third place in her category.

By the end of the outing, each Resident (and staff member) was pleasantly tired, but on the trip back several Residents were already planning next year's trip to the Fair!

Focus on the Staff

BETTY PETTICORD

Transportation Coordinator

by Jan Sawyer

Four years ago, Betty Petticord was managing a ladies' fashion store in Clemmons. For nine years prior to that, she operated the

Clemmons Western Store (specializing in Western wear for those into rodeos, horses and the cowboy look). How did she arrive at the Blumenthal Jewish Home?

"I always thought I wanted to be a nurse," Betty said. Marriage at an early age ruled out the possibility of nursing school at that time. Several years ago she decided that she would like to find out if that was what she really wanted to do. "Before giving up several years of my life to go back to school, I thought I'd try work as a nurse's assistant first," Betty said. Those decisions led her to the Home three years ago, and to her eventual responsibilities as Transportation Coordinator.



Betty Petticord

At present, Betty is responsible for scheduling and transporting residents to all their doctors' appointments. She keeps the paperwork for the Home's podiatrist, dentists and eye doctor and arranges appointments for each of the Residents to see these professionals regularly. She also coordinates some of the general transportation and errand-running responsibilities at the Home.

Betty's interpretation of her job exceeds these duties, however. She is extraordinarily sensitive to the unwritten schedules and needs of the Residents. It is not unusual to hear her offering to take a Resident with her on one of her trips to town, combining her duties with a special service for the Resident. Residents and staff alike appreciate her warmth, her zest for living, and her cheerful sense of humor. "I like the challenge and the

variety of my job," Betty affirmed. "And, you know, you can't make people happy without it rubbing off on yourself!"

At the Annual Meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged held on October 5th, a candleabra was dedicated to Mamie and Harry Schaffer by their relatives and friends in recognition of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Book Review

GROWING OLDER

by George Ancona. Dutton Press
Reviewed by Charlotte Blount

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From the jacket of this fine book Pauline Brody grins over her coffee mug, while in the background is a rosy, young picture of Pauline before she left Lithuania many years ago.

In this collection of reminiscences, George Ancona has let a dozen or so old people tell their stories—oral history transcribed from cassettes they made.

Each voice and emphasis and background differs. Pauline remembers Russian folk tales of her childhood, but also how she came to America to work in the garment trade in New York—the din of the sewing machines, the long hours.

But she feels close to her grandchildren now. "Getting old is not a bad thing. You realize you don't know everything. My grandchildren like my company, and this is what I'm most happy about. This I've worried about, that it shouldn't be a duty to take care of me."

Roy Velasquez runs a taxi in

Texas. Joe Cole reminisces as he buys and sells junk. (The sign in his yard proclaims that he is "Too Lazy to Work, Too Nervous to Steal.") Lulu Mae Craig moved to Colorado from her home in Kansas, but she reminisces about the sod houses of the prairie, being cheated by the white man, but having picnics and dances.

A fine introduction to the fun and value of recording the oral history of the elderly—especially those with foreign or exotic backgrounds. Most of these people are of Southern or immigrant origins (although one of the most interesting is Ann Shadlow, an Oglala Sioux).

Vivid and thoughtfully edited, with fine photographs of happy people. All I missed was a variety of social backgrounds. An elderly New England farmer or a Chicago policeman or even a Philadelphia lawyer would be interesting, too. The important thing is listening to them, and then perhaps listening to the little old lady next door, too. Ancona urges children to adopt grandparents if necessary.

After a brief rest stop, they continued to Shatley Springs Inn, where they enjoyed a leisurely lunch. After a rest in the rocking chairs on the Inn's porch, they prepared to return to the Home. Even though everyone had a wonderful trip, they decided that next year's fall venture should be to a site closer to home!



Phyllis Spence, owner of Cathy's Boutique, helps Hassie Wade (Black Mountain, N.C.) try on a wig.

Photo courtesy of Cookie Snyder

Residents Take Mountain Trip



Mrs. Douglas Vaughn (Winston-Salem) enjoys the view from her rocking chair at Shatley Springs Inn.

On Wednesday, October 15, four Home vehicles headed out the front gates for Shatley Springs, North Carolina. Twenty Residents and several staff members travelled through the countryside, viewing the fall leaves and foliage.

SHOW A LESSON IN SELF-AWARENESS

by Cathy Carter, Staff Reporter

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Quite often the residents of retirement or rest homes are oriented toward passive activity; that is, they watch others do something. But yesterday, some of the residents of Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons actively participated in their own entertainment—they had a fashion show.

The Winter Wonderland Fashion Show was an experiment—a chance for about 17 of the women and several of the men who live there to update their knowledge about fashion. "It's just a boost toward self-awareness, a sharpening of the self-image," said Linda Babb, a recreational worker at the Home. She and Sara Schwartz were in charge of the show. "I'm a firm



Linda Babb (L.) poses with Brenda Rogers (R.) and friends. Brenda and the staff at Craft Showcase in the Mall helped provide the beautiful decorations.

Jim Robertson (Winston-Salem) escorts Frances Yokely (Winston-Salem) as she models a classic suit combination and a wig from Cathy's Boutique.



believer that images of the self change," she said, and in getting a chance to go to a store and select clothing and wigs, the participants got a clearer picture of what makes them look and feel good.

To begin with, the participants in the show saw a film on makeup provided by Merle Norman. Then, they went to Cathy's Boutique in Hanes Mall to be fitted for the show. In some cases, the models had misconceptions about their appearance and their selection of clothes. One woman found out that she was a size 12 instead of a 10 and that small discovery made a difference in the way her clothes fit and looked.

Another woman insisted that she couldn't wear white—that it didn't go with her skin coloring. But with a little coaching, she found that a fashion trick as simple as a scarf or a shawl around her neck or shoulders gave her the color she wanted around her face without eliminating white or beige clothing from her selection.

With alterations, Ms. Babb said, almost any article of clothing can be altered to accommodate the problems of older adults who are confined to a wheelchair or who wear a brace or a catheter. And because these people aren't as limited as others may think, the residents modeled all styles of clothing, including sportswear, evening wear, suits, dresses, hostess robes, sweaters and jackets.

The fashion show was also a lesson in confidence building, Ms. Babb said. Not only did it allow the participants to increase their fashion knowledge and to fix themselves up, it gave many of them a chance to do things they did when they were younger. Many of

the Residents, she pointed out, were either directly or indirectly involved in fashion retail clothing, whether they worked in a store or just bought clothes. One woman who modeled in the show was a model when she was younger. "It brought back memories. It was just another contact with the past," Ms. Babb said.

Helping the Residents keep in touch with current fashion trends is one way of boosting morale, Ms. Babb said. They encourage all the Residents who are able to get dressed and to take pride in their appearance. Combed hair, a touch of makeup and being dressed in something other than a bathrobe is a physical and morale boost to anyone, she said.

And with the fashion show coming up on Sunday, the Residents kept the Home's beauty shop busy last week getting extra-special hairdos and manicures. The Residents made several trips to Cathy's Boutique to be fitted. There, they found that the only limitations to a person's clothing selection are the limitations they imagine.



What's Been Happening?



Halloween, 1980: These are the people in charge of the Home? You've got to be kidding!!



Who is Miss Piggy? Find out by reading "Focus on Staff".



Willie Reynolds isn't sure he wants to take Nurse Tanya Anderson's potent potion.



Members of the Forsyth County Community Advisory Committee met with Residents in the Home's Living Room to discuss the "Patients' Rights" bill.



Alice Fruh (Greensboro) and Rose Block (Greensboro) demonstrate the hula at Hawaii Day.



Inspecting the "ghosts" from "Teeny-Tiny" are Billie Syrett, of the Home's Recreation Department, and Josh & Mark, students from Temple Emanuel's kindergarten in Winston-Salem.

FABLE VERUS FACT

Fable: *Old people need eight hours of sleep.*

Fact: Sleep patterns change over time; aging brings with it a diminished need for sleep. Accompanying the normal aging process are frequent awakenings from sleep, a reduction of Stage III sleep, and a disappearance of Stage IV sleep. (Stages III and IV are the periods of deep sleep.) For this reason, elderly people may complain of "not sleeping deeply," or of "awakening often during the night."

These conditions are not abnormal; they do not constitute insomnia. Elderly people can learn to adjust to these changes. Many elderly people still believe that they need 8 hours of sleep each day.

Awakening at three o'clock in the morning after a night's sleep which was sufficient for them, they proceed to worry about being ill or depressed.

Concern about not getting a good night's sleep is more disturbing than the alleged insomnia.

Many elderly people function well on five hours of sleep a day. Some prefer to sleep less at night and to rest when they feel tired during the day.

Every effort should be made to correct primary insomnia (sleeplessness from no apparent cause) and secondary insomnia (sleeplessness resulting from a definite cause—physical, situational, or psychological).

Both non-drug and drug techniques may be used according to the need.



"Out To Lunch"

by Jan Sawyer

Over the past six months, one of the most popular and effective programs offered to Residents of the Home has been the "Out To Lunch" program. As it was initially conceived, small groups of Residents and several staff members would go to local restaurants for a meal, conversation, and simply time away from the Home's campus. Different Residents would be included in the offgrounds trips, particularly many who were wheelchair-bound and thus did not have the freedom of mobility enjoyed by more ambulatory people.

The purposes for such off-campus trips (usually numbering from four to six Residents) were multi-fold. Such ordinary things as going for a ride, choosing one's own menu, paying for the check and leaving the tip, as well as making conversation with a sociable group of friends in a casual setting—these are rather mundane opportunities which most of us take for granted. But for those who cannot participate regularly in these pleasures, they become a special treat, a time for participating in the world outside the boundaries of the Home, a time for being perceived as a resident of the community rather than a Resident of the Home.

How did Residents receive the program? Significantly, there is a waiting list for both Residents and staff who want to participate. "It lets me get out," one Resident responded. "We have a change of surroundings, and we eat with a different group of people in a different atmosphere. And we have a choice about what we want." Other benefits of the "Out To Lunch" program stem from the sense of independence and the sense of freedom which come from choosing a break in the daily routine. Residents and staff perceive each other in new and interesting ways. Conversation is light-hearted, more relaxed. Staff and Residents alike grow in appreciation for each other when they are given the opportunity to respond to each other in less stressful and more normal conditions than exist within the institution. The small groups, rather than larger groups, lead to the development of better interaction between both Residents and staff—there is the opportunity to respond to each other as individuals, and there is instant affirmation of the good, personable and sociable characteristics of each member of the group—something which is usually lacking when larger groups of people gather. Finally, Residents note that staff comes in to share this time with them because they are sincerely interested in them as individuals. The often-verbalized, "This sure is a lot of work for you folks" statement is met by the recognition that staff finds this kind of activity important and necessary to provide for each Resident. Although Residents can go shopping weekly, and can take

advantage regularly of off-campus trips like evenings at the theatre or symphony, outings to the movies or drives through the neighborhood, it is perhaps in the "Out To Lunch" program that they and staff find the most enjoyment. For, at these times there is active, not passive, participation in interaction with each other and with the world outside the Home's campus.

EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM

Small groups, such as the "Out To Lunch" groups, are recognized as morale builders for both Residents and staff. Being able to provide opportunities for adult choices and for re-entering the activities and functions which should be such an integral part of normal life—these are some of the goals to which these off-campus small-group outings are committed. However, extra staffing for these enterprises requires extra money. The following excerpts are taken from a letter sent to the Administration from two daughters whose mother is a Resident of the Home. They recognized the benefits this kind of program had for their mother and wanted to provide in a tangible way for the continuation of the program:

Our mother is in such good spirits these days. She enjoys the committee work she does, of course. But, she is absolutely delighted when she has the opportunity of getting into the van, wheelchair and all, and going out to a restaurant for lunch. It's the first thing she tells us about when we see her, and she always follows up the telling with, "I hope Rick takes me again."

Tho' we know that Mother pays for her own lunch, we realize that the program must require extra staff, and that this, in turn, requires extra funds. Therefore, we are each enclosing a check, which we hope to do on a monthly basis, to be used specifically for this "lunch-out" program.

Sincerely, Doris Edelstein and Peggy Griffenhagen

It is through specially ear-marked contributions such as these that the Home can provide for the extra staff needed each time there is an off-grounds activity. As each of us reflects on the benefits of those daily activities of living such as dining out, going for a ride, taking in a special event, perhaps we can see more readily the importance of making these same opportunities available for the Residents of the Home on a regular basis. The staff and administration of the Home would ask you to consider ear-marking special contributions to the Home for these off-campus staffing needs. Simply designate your contribution as a gift to the "Off-Grounds Activity Fund."



Mrs Minnie Tureff (Asheville), representing the Residents' Council, presents a check for prize money won by Residents at the Fair to Exec. Director Mendlovitz. The council donated the money to the Off-Grounds Activities program. Sara Schwartz and Rick Rogers of the Recreation Dept. look on.



Willie Reynolds (Southern Pines), Florence Coblentz (Weldon), Edward Timmerman (Clemmons), and Aba Fine (Charlotte) were among those who enjoyed Senior Citizen's Day at the Classic Fair. Extra Staffing was required for this occasion.

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May you enjoy a long, happy and healthy life:

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IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Ella Smith, Clara Goldstein and Dr. Ben Foxman. May their loving memory bring comfort to their loved ones.

It has become a beautiful tradition for people to express their interest in the Home by making commemorative gifts. Over the years these generous donations have greatly enriched the quality of life for the Home's Residents. The prayers and thanks of our Residents are expressed for the contributions made to the Home from October 5, 1980, to November 5, 1980.

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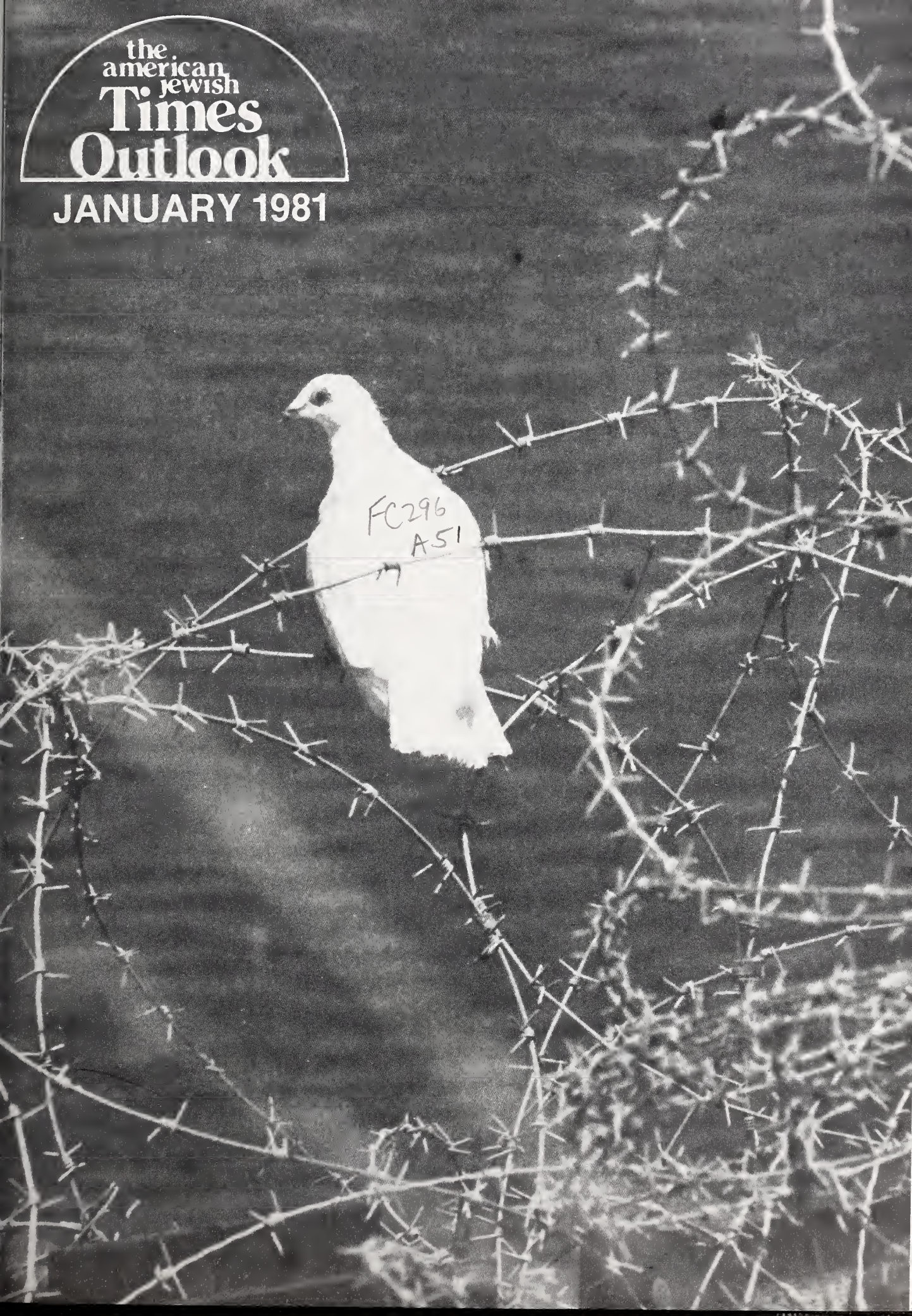
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by Mina Surasky Tropp

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Editorial

During the recent political campaign, it was often said, "It can't get any worse." We need to admit that it could. That becomes apparent when we look at other countries. In the United States, contenders for the office of President wage a battle of words. Debate is a characteristic of civilization. It has replaced the old manner of amassing troops to fight it out. After the winner of an election is inaugurated the population settles down to wait and see, and we take that for granted.

In some countries, opponents of successful candidates fear for their lives, or they risk imprisonment. Our past presidents do not need to flee the country in order to live out their lives, nor are their families threatened by a new regime. We have watched the peaceful succession of an opposition party candidate with briefing by the outgoing President several times within our lifetime.

Our government does not encourage and aid in the slaughter of segments of our population. Disappointed though some of us may be with the current state of our society, we are free to complain and to dissent while we try to work for improvement, or merely choose to hope. That is no small blessing.

Among small blessings is the comfort in which we are able to pursue our quotidian lives, without frustrations caused by a complicated system like those in other nations, some of which Americans may visit without suspicion of what the natives endure. A friend in the area of Milan has to go into the busy city's center to renew his automobile insurance. It is not done by mail or phone. In Sicily we spent an entire afternoon in order to mail a package. The post office required that a lead seal be attached to the string which tied the package. We had to go to a

stationery store to buy that, but when we returned to the post office, it was closed for the three-hour afternoon siesta.

A friend in North Carolina manages a plant which does business in Lima, Peru. He sent a package of spare parts needed by a client there, and he registered the package, then wrote to the client, giving the registration number. The procedure in Lima is a phone call from a postal employee when the package is received. The addressee then goes to the post office, bearing the registration number of the package. He is invited into an inner office, where he offers a gratuity to the clerk, whereupon he collects the package. On the most recent occasion the system failed. The package was returned to the sender one year later without explanation. There was a line drawn through the name of the addressee, who still needs the spare parts.

Life becomes difficult when performance of ordinary tasks is tiring and frustrating, leaving little time or energy for concern about social problems. We do not suffer from such hardship. Another way in which we differ from other countries is the variety of people who comprise our population. This has proved to be a safeguard against extreme policies, but our society is so complex, with so many disparate interests groups, that "the general welfare", which our government was formed to protect and enhance, becomes difficult to discern.

During the time between Election and Inauguration, we calm down and reflect. We must be vigilant in aiding those groups which work to cause the System to work to protect the general welfare, in its traditional meaning.

Indeed, things could get worse, but only if we permit them to do so.



—Estelle Hoffman

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The Barkans: The American Dream Is Alive And Real



Mark Barkan

by Estelle Hoffman

The American Dream is alive and real.

Visiting Mark and Lucy Barkan in their new home, which they have occupied for two months, we met for the first time. We told them we wanted their story, as Russian Jews who immigrated four years ago. Mark snapped back, "Then we are sorry to disappoint you. You are not in a Russian house. We are 100% Americans." It was delightful to hear that old, familiar tune once more.

At the age of nine, Mark Barkan had been earning good grades in school, but he was not quite measuring up to Soviet standards, and his teacher asked him to promise to do better. When he hesitated, the teacher advised him that a little lie never hurts. He was beginning to perceive what he calls "the rottenness of the system," which would require him to qualify for advancement through the ranks of Komsomol into the Communist party, if he wanted its rewards. He was still a member of the Pioneers, the children's organization that was not successful in convincing Mark of the virtues the Soviet

system offers.

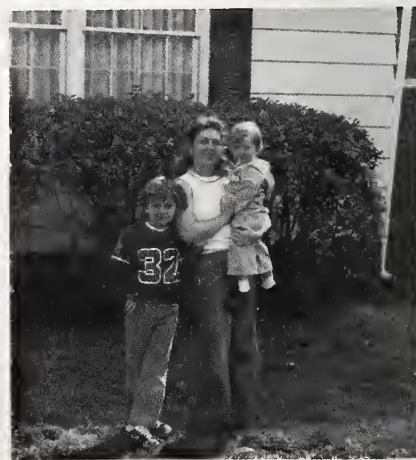
As he matured, he observed so many instances of public statements that were contrary to fact, that he felt reality outside of his country must be opposite to what was being taught about the Western World. "If they said black, I knew it must be white." He says that everyone in the U.S.S.R. understands this, conformers and dissenters, and he was unwilling to live a lifelong lie. Some others are indifferent and settle for a few extra comforts or a little additional money. He gave an example relative to his knowledge of construction engineering. "If I want improve this house, I may add insulation or add something, but I cannot change the structure. In Russian I might get a bigger refrigerator, but I cannot alter the structure of society . . . Theoretically the State wants everyone to be alike, equal in output and intake, yet it wants everyone to recognize differences. Nationality is stated on one's passport. There is State anti-Semitism, and a Jew who writes an examination has to surpass all others to 'make it'. Currently, National feeling in the Soviet States is very strong, and many Jews living there do not feel Jewish."

Mark told us that although hard work helps to advance a worker, individual productivity is very low, and the work of three people amounts to what one person produces in the United States, so that laborers are imported into Russia from other countries in the Communist bloc. Because Mark and Lucy were unwilling to compromise and adjust to that society, they had no difficulty making the decision to leave, but they had no encouragement. Two sisters of Mark's grandmother had gone to

Florida in 1911, and one had made many visits to Russia, most recently in 1975. She was in her eighties, and she said "terrible things" about the United States, although she was used to it and would remain, but she advised her family to remain where they were.

Undaunted and optimistic, in their late twenties, they were prepared to suffer for a few years, while learning the language and lifestyle of another country, not yet certain which country that would be.

To obtain an application to leave the U.S.S.R. it is necessary to procure a paper of clearance from one's employer, disclaiming debt or other objection. When Mark requested the clearance paper, he was advised to quit his job, but was granted the clearance. The exit application consisted of twenty-five pages of questions, which might discourage the faint-hearted. Answers indicate reasons for leaving to rejoin members of family, not reasons critical of the government. Without additional harrassment, they were premitted to leave three months after filing their request. It was easier to leave then than it became later.



(L to R) Leon, Lucy, and Chris Barkan

With their six-year-old son Leon, they flew to Vienna, possessing \$357 and a few personal belongings. No more would Lucy have to spend twelve to fifteen hours each week shopping for food. In the last five years she had enjoyed preparing that food in their private kitchen of their one-bedroom apartment. Before that, they had shared a kitchen with four other families. Such were the improvements they might achieve there, with luck and acquaintance with the right people. Lucy had worked as a Key Punch Operator, and she planned to find that kind of work again.

Mark boasts of his excellent education, including two Master's degrees in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Twelve years of experience gave him confidence that he would find work as plumber, welder, sheet metal worker, pipefitter, electrician, mechanical engineer.

Their first contact with the Western World in Vienna assured them that it was toward the West they would turn, to the United States. Well informed on the geography, climate, and demography of America, they chose to live in one of the mid-Atlantic states, preferably North Carolina. They had lived in Kiev, but wanted to live in a smaller city in America. After waiting for several weeks in Italy, where they "picked up" Italian and enjoyed a vacation, they boarded a plane to New York, destination Charlotte. In New York, Mark had second thoughts about those five years he planned to struggle, because he paid two dollars for a glass of orange juice at the bar of a hotel. "Better get ready for ten years," he thought. They continued their translocation, arriving at Douglas Airport in Charlotte, where they were warmly greeted by Sally Schrader and a few others.

On that day, over four years ago, they were taken to their new home in the Abbey Apartments, and they found it finer than any they had

dared to dream of in Russia, equipped with modern conveniences, with "Furniture not just from Wickes, and dishes were not out of twenty-four persons' dining sets. It was everything we needed, food shelter and what was most important, open hearts."

Three weeks later Mark was employed by Universal Electrical Contractors as an electrician's helper. I didn't mind pulling wires. "Pull and push were the first two words I learned." Mark's boss drove him home after work, and they used to stop for thirty or forty minutes in a tavern. That tavern, Mark recalls, was frequented by every kind of degenerate, "and they taught me all the dirty words—a very good basis for English." He has to be right, because he speaks English well. The new dream was to move into a house of their own.

society of their new surroundings. They were not lonely, and enjoyed living there, but after two years, Lucy wanted to find a job.

Lucy found a job as Key Punch Operator in Charlotte, and Mark found one too, where he works for Duke Power as Assistant Design Engineer, in charge of a group of twenty to twenty-five engineers and is responsible for the technical adequacy of their work.

They have a second son who is a native American named Chris. Why Chris? Mark asked, "Why not? What could be better than to name him for a Jewish Carpenter?" Lucy's parents have immigrated to Philadelphia, and Mark's parents have come to Charlotte, where his father is a sign painter. Mark is working very hard, and so is Lucy. They live in a large house in a new section of Charlotte. Mark has to



(L to R) Chris and Leon Barkan

That happened eleven months later, when he found a plant engineering job in Hickory. The house was in Bethlehem, population 2,000, and stood on the edge of the woods. "Leon came home from school at three o'clock, we didn't see him again until seven, and never had to worry." "One has to be a mentsh, Jewish or not." They had left good friends in Charlotte, and they ventured immediately into the general

use his skill to make built-in shelves for the books waiting in unpacked cartons, and he has projects that will fill his time far into the future. Their positive attitude is reflected in their children, Leon and Chris, ten and two years old. Leon attends the Charlotte Hebrew Academy, where he is being so well educated that he discusses the war between Iran and Iraq, and eagerly expounds on political matters, including his views of communism.

Both boys are blond, attractive, and friendly. They speak English with a slight southern accent, and are as devoted to this Country as are their parents. Chris is an agreeable young person, who frequently responds with "Right!" or "Okay!"

Interested in the opinion of one who had viewed a Presidential campaign for the first time, we asked Mark what he thought of ours recently. "It's a circus," was his judgment, and he is pleased with the results. Although the system is not perfect, he attributes its faults to human nature. He contrasts our election to those in the U.S.S.R., where "there is no campaign, only one candidate for each office, and the voter votes yes or no. "You'd better vote Yes," Mark recalls. He believes "No person in the world is unspoiled by power, and . . . twenty-five years of Democratic majority have been a disaster." He opposes governmental regulations. "Whenever Government sticks its nose in, things fall apart. We don't want big bureaucracy and government to regulate." He feels regulation should come from concerted effort of the people, and that we need more education. Mark does not believe that any government, anywhere, can be people-oriented, and that people can, in time, exercise their influence on private business to operate in the interest of the general welfare.

Mark feels strongly that people who are not intelligent should not be given power to make decisions, and that proper education be required for anyone who aspires to hold office in the Government, just as training is needed for other professions. Since the job of President is managerial, such training should be required. We can correct our faults.

An article recently printed in the *Charlotte Observer* about complaints of a Russian Jewish family who lived in Charlotte has greatly disturbed the Barkans, because it represents an

exceptional experience, and they feel it is unfair to immigrants and uncomplimentary to Jews. Mark has written a letter to the *Observer*, telling his own very different story, which he says is the story of usual life "Of an average American family and possibly a short guide for every newcomer to this wonderful country, no matter where you are from . . . If I deserve a better job I shall get it, no matter what kind of help I have . . . Nobody will help you until you start helping yourself . . . First words we heard in the U. S. were, 'Smile, be happy, and that is what we are doing for more than four years . . . normal Russian immigrants are willing to be useful in their new country and therefore for themselves . . . I want to bring my word of appreciation to the people of Charlotte, to the Jewish Community and to folks of other religions, for helping our family to be home not just with our bodies but with our souls.'"

We find Mark and Lucy Barkan and their children to be a family which embraces all the good our society offers and understands that which needs improvement. Grateful to all, they reserve their highest praise for Sally Schrader, whom they esteem as "the best soul in all the world."

SMILE

O'Leary and Cohen were deep in discussion of earthshaking events.

"Let me tell you," Cohen announced, "No matter where you go in this world, you will find Jews among the leading citizens."

His friend thought about that for a while. "How about in the Arctic Ocean?" he demanded.

Cohen answered quickly, "You think ICEBERG is a Methodist name?"

THE BRIGHTER SIDE

"I understand that you have a mozol tov coming?"

"Yes, my daughter is getting married."

"Isn't that wonderful! Who's the lucky man?"

"He's the chief surgical resident at Cedars Sinai Hospital."

"Oh, my! That's fabulous. Uh, this isn't her first marriage, is it?"

"No, her former husband was a law professor at Harvard."

"My goodness, that's really something. I don't mean to pry, but she was married once before that, wasn't she?"

"Yes, her first husband was a psychiatrist."

"Imagine that! To have so much nachas from just one daughter!"

—American Jewish World
(Minneapolis)

MY PRAYER

*O God above, since time began
You've heard so many prayers.*

*And who can count the thousand
steps
That have climbed the Temple
stairs?*

*You've heard the Shema a million
times*

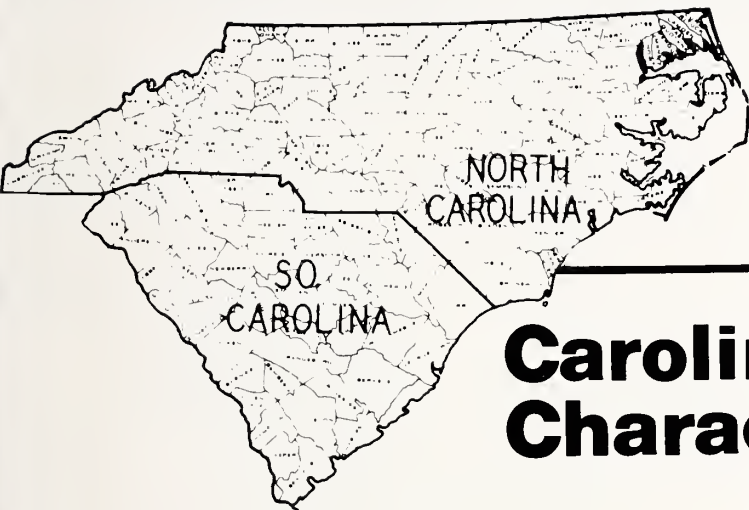
From hearts that care and yearn.

*How long, how long will You wait
O God, for the day that we return?*

*O please forgive our erring ways
Forget our sinful past*

*And may this be the year,
O God, that we return at last.*

—by Milton Shumake



Carolina Character:



Sally Schrader— A Woman Of Valor

Sally Schrader was born in Jacksonville, Florida. She has spent most of her life in Charlotte. She attended Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia. Sally is married to Robert Schrader of Piedmont Theatres. She is President of Temple Beth El Sisterhood. For eight years she served on the Board of the Hebrew Academy of Charlotte and on the Board of Directors of Hadassah for six years. She is now serving on the Boards of B'nai B'rith Women, Temple Beth El, and Jewish Federation. She serves on the Ritual Committee and Adult Education Committee of Temple Beth El. She is Coordinator of Russian Resettlement for the Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women. In 1977 she was awarded the Col. Elliot A. Niles Award of B'nai B'rith, an international award given yearly to one man and one woman for outstanding volunteer work. The Schraders' son, Benjie, attends the Charlotte Hebrew Academy. He and Daniel Brenner are the first two students to have attended the

Hebrew Academy from Kindergarten through the sixth grade.

N.C. ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH WOMEN RECOGNIZES SALLY SCHRADER— A WOMAN OF VALOR

For many years I have been deeply immersed in numerous organizations and their various projects. Some people have classified me as a "professional volunteer".

I am a volunteer because I enjoy helping people and in doing so actually receive more than I give. I grew up in a family where helping others was a way of life, the natural thing to do. Though my family was not wealthy, we always shared whatever we had with others. During World War II, we opened our home to families of military men serving overseas. They lived with us until they could find a place of their own and were able to support themselves. My father's bachelor friend, dying of cancer and not wanting to be

alone, lived his last days with us in our home. Another friend lost his job and his home, so he, his wife and a daughter moved in with us for six months until he could become self-sufficient. These are just a few examples of the things my family did when I was a child. I feel that one of the main reasons that I spend so many hours working as a volunteer is because *they cared*.

My volunteerism has been abetted because I have a very loving, understanding and supportive family. At times they think I'm a little "off the deep end" about it, but they tend to humor me. My three children have learned to help themselves and manage household chores. I feel they have also learned the importance of helping others. My husband and our two older children have been of great assistance with the resettlement of Soviet Jews.

Over the past six years, I have been deeply involved with the resettlement of Soviet Jews. Seventeen families comprising

fifty-four people began their lives in the U.S. in Charlotte. I have personally helped in the resettlement of all but four of these families and with assisting two bachelors and another family who moved to Charlotte from other cities in the U. S. Helping in establishing them in a new home and life style, securing employment and the necessities of everyday living have kept me away from my own family for long periods of time. In essence I feel that I have two families . . . my own and the Russians.

Eight families of the original seventeen are now living in Charlotte. In addition to these are the families who moved here from other cities and a man who is working here temporarily. Most of the families who settled in Charlotte were financially self-sufficient in three to four months. With the exception of two families who were recently unemployed, their incomes now vary from \$18,000 to \$40,000 per year. Three families own their own homes. Most of the school-age children attend the N.C. Hebrew Academy or a temple religious school. Most families attend religious services on a regular basis and several have joined one of the temples. The majority are sincerely interested in becoming involved in the Jewish community.

Four families left Charlotte to live in New York and Philadelphia because they needed the security of a larger Russian population. Another four families moved to larger cities in hope of finding jobs in their professions. One family moved because the husband found a position that was almost identical to the work he was doing in the Soviet Union, except in the U. S. he will earn over \$30,000 a year.

My greatest frustration working with the Soviet resettlement program in Charlotte is the lack of interest shown these people by the Charlotte Jewish community. The Federation allocates funds, many of the doctors and dentists have

donated their services or given reduced fees, and several merchants have donated clothing or furniture. Yet there have been few who have befriended them. During the past six years, I have repeatedly suggested that our newcomers be welcomed to our activities. Few invitations have been extended for a dinner at someone's home, a visit to the park or museum, or attending a movie or concert.

The new immigrants have enough problems to cope with without contending with rejection by the Jewish community. They come from a country where they have no rights and very few responsibilities. The government makes most of their decisions, and they are told what jobs they will get, what salaries they will receive and where they will live. When they arrive here, they discover that they have gained personal freedom, but nothing is "free". Some have to completely change their careers and others have to accept lower level positions in their fields. Most have to learn a new language, how to drive a car, to shop, to establish credit and how to purchase a car or a house—many of the things we take for granted. They probably will never see their family and friends left behind in Russia. In many ways some are very insecure. They need emotional support.

Why am I so involved in the resettlement of Soviet Jews? Maybe I'm on an ego trip. What could be more challenging than finding jobs for new immigrants during a recession? What could be more rewarding than seeing children learning English and Hebrew simultaneously or advancing four grades in school in one year? What could be more interesting than trying to communicate with people who not only speak another language but come from a totally different culture?

Much has been written by many other people about the frustrations of working with Soviet immigrants.

I've had my fair share, but I still feel the rewards are more important to me than the frustrations. As a matter of fact, "some of my best friends are Jews—Russian and Ukranian Jews!"

—Sally Schrader

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The Ackermans of Ft. Mill, S. C. remember Eli Gottesman, who was a Circuit Riding Rabbi years ago. One day, as they were about to leave their home for errands in Charlotte, Rabbi Gottesman unexpectedly rang their doorbell. At their invitation, he dragged himself into the house, sat down, and announced that he was sick, and that he would like to have some chicken soup. Sarah Ackerman laughs as she recalls taking a chicken from her freezer and cooking soup for him. They didn't make it to Charlotte that day.

Kibbitzing: Community News

TEMPLE BETH EL, CHARLOTTE

The pleasure of reporting—what has been and is to be.

Congratulations to Walter Klein, who was installed as president of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the conference in December with a small delegation from Temple Beth El attending to honor him; to Bud Goldsmith, former president of Beth El, who was honored by the Union and our congregation on his sixtieth birthday.

Our best wishes to Stacey, daughter of Paula and Alan Leff, on her Bat Mitzvah, and to the Bar Mitzvah boys—Scott, son of Brenda and Floyd Patten; Scott, son of Judy and Saul Edlein; David, son of Mattye and Marc Silverman; Steven, son of Dr. Deysy and Robert Klein. Each made for a lovely weekend.

Sisterhood has been busy with their tasteful dinners, the last for Hanukkah, and again a most successful Attic Sale. Men's Club has had a great new monthly movie series with socializing afterward. Then there was the New Year's Eve Extravaganza, with super music by the Music Majors (led by Murray Rosen) and a marvelous repast by Estelle Rosen's kitchen brigade: Helen Hurwitt, Jane Heller, Gloria Coleman, and many others.

Rabbi Harold Krantzler conducted an excellent adult education series on the Five Megillot through November. We are anticipating the next series, which will feature guest speakers on Friday evenings. On January 13, Jack Eisner, author of **The Survivor**, will speak. His extraordinary autobiography takes us back to another world, an "unreal" outer

space of the Holocaust. Only a teenager at the time—hard to believe—this "special kind of man" of courage and dignity gives us a love story on three levels: woman, family and friends, life—in his struggle to survive and tell, as he promised himself, this devastating and compelling story.

HADASSAH'S DONOR'S LUNCHEON

by Henrietta Wallace

Charlotte Chapter of Hadasah's Annual Donor-Pledge Luncheon was held Wednesday, November 19, 1980. This very special affair was held in the Gold/Mint Rooms of the Radisson Hotel. The 11:30 a.m. affair was elegant in menu, Fall flower table decorations, individual programs and Fashions by Montaldo's.

Mrs. Sandra Levine, President of Charlotte's Chapter of Hadasah presided. Mrs. Jill Newman was General luncheon Chairman. Mrs. Patty Gorelick was Chairman of the Fashion Show with Ann Parish Corley as Commentator. The Loonis McGlohon Trio provided background music for this annual luncheon.

Models for the fashion show were as follows: Mrs. Miri Berzack (Mel), Mrs. Patty Gorelock (William), Mrs. Faye Green (Daniel), Mrs. Carolyn Hennes (Stuart), Mrs. Ruthie Kossove (David), Mrs. Donna Levin (Norman), Mrs. Vera Mendel (Jack), Mrs. Elsa Multer (Martin), Mrs. Paula Musler (Norman S.), Mrs. Judy Perlin (Mark), Mrs. Diane Rocklin (Richard), Mrs. Marcia Simon (Paul J.), Mrs. Carol Speizman (Robert), Mrs. Judi Strause (Leonard), Mrs. Sue Tepper (Donald), and Mrs. Carol Weiner (Richard).

The models were resplendent in

evening gowns, suits, day-time dresses, sportswear, coats of rich purple, pastels, red, intermingled with outfits of black. Accessories were well selected. Varied colors were worn with white stockings. Glitter, glamour, grace of movement marked "An Affair to Remember." Bows, feathers, lowered waistlines were very reminiscent of the past. Ruffles added the touch of femininity that so expresses the trend of today. Wes Bobbitt of CHARLOTTE WEEKLY NEWS was photographer for the occasion.

Officers, members of the Donor Committee, Montaldo's, the Radisson, arranged and produced a memorable Donor-Pledge luncheon.



**Nothing sells our shoes
better than our shoes.**

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

by Lee Lewin

We trust that you all have celebrated a most joyous Chanukah. Our Jewish Ladies Auxiliary is having their party after this issue goes to press, so it will be reported on in the next issue.

We did have several noteworthy happenings this past month. On Friday evening, November 7th, we had a guest rabbi deliver the sermon. This was Rabbi Ira Sud who was visiting his brother and Sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sud. Rabbi Sud is retired, but still active, from Temple Ezra in Chicago. He spoke on his involvement and experience on Kristall Nacht in Germany. It was a sobering sermon but one we need to keep hearing so that it may not happen again.

On Friday evening, November 14th, we were hosts to a group of members and students from the Fletcher Seventh Day Adventist Church led by Mr. George Suhrie a member of the church and Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Moore of the S.D.A. Fletcher Hospital. They all joined us for our service and afterward had a question and answer period with Mr. Fred S. Lewin and Mr. Morris Kaplan. A lovely Oneg Shabbat in the social hall culminated the evening.

We also again participated in the traditional Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, together with several of the churches, on Wednesday evening, November 26th. Our President, Mr. Morris Kaplan, was part of the program and he read from the Old Testament. Several of our congregants also attended this service.

The highlight of our past month came on Sunday afternoon, November 23rd when a reception was held and we had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with Rabbi and Mrs. Paul Grob. Rabbi Grob is the new Rabbi of Congregation

Beth Israel in Asheville. First, Rabbi Grob addressed us and in his talk, he most graciously offered his help and cooperation to our community and invited us to participate with him and his congregation at Sabbath services. We feel he and his wife will be a welcome addition to our mountain communities. After Rabbi's talk, we were all invited to partake of the delicious refreshments prepared by our ladies and coordinated by our chairperson, Mrs. Miriam Sud.

We hope you all enjoy the winter weather, and we will see you next time.

THE NORTH CAROLINA HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE, INC.

by Rose Massachi

The Hebrew Academy celebrated Hanukkah in several different ways this year. According to Raphael Panitz, Academy Director, on December 2nd, in honor of the holiday, the school devoted the entire school day to Hanukkah. Special tefillot, Hanukkah songs and games, and a Hanukkah play (in Hebrew) and oratorio took place in the morning. In the afternoon, Hanukkah learning centers were set up in the school where decorations, menorahs, and a mural were made. The children also made potato pancakes and donuts. Toward the end of the day a candle lighting ceremony was held.

On Friday, December 5th, Yossi Groner, a Lubavitch Rabbi who recently moved to Charlotte from New York City, visited the school and conducted a Hanukkah program for the children of grades 1-6.

On Sunday, December 7th, the Hebrew Academy students age 8 and above participated in the city wide Hanukkah Marathon. A candle lighting ceremony was held at the JCC, following the run. All of

these events made for a fun-filled holiday.

Carol Pollack, a teacher of the lower grades at the Academy, says her students have been very busy doing many different projects in the past few weeks. In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday, the kindergarten children made special "Thank you" paragraphs, and a "Story of Corn" booklet. The 1st graders baked corn bread, and the 2nd graders did some research on their own in order to build a model of the Plymouth plantation. They also tape recorded what they had learned and explained their model through this audio approach.

The 1st graders have been studying plants in Science class, and have experimented with bean seeds. According to Ms. Pollack, they planted 3 different seeds under 3 different conditions; 1 in sunshine but no water; 1 without sunlight in a closet, but with water, and 1 with both sunlight and water. The children were able to see for themselves which one grew more abundantly, and were very proud when they were able to take the ones which had grown well, home to show their parents.

The entire Hebrew Academy staff would like to give thanks to a very special person who has recently given much of her time and talents to the kindergarten. Mrs. Bertha Straz has been visiting twice a week teaching the children Hebrew nursery rhymes and songs, along with beginning Hebrew words. It has become a time that the children look forward to each week, and is appreciated by all.

TEMPLE ISRAEL CHARLOTTE

by Estelle Hoffman

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was held on Wednesday evening, November 26th, at the Unitarian Church on Sharon Amity Road. Participants included Temple Israel, Unitarian Church, Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Shalom, Bahai Faith, Moslem Prayer Group, and New Hampton United Presbyterian Church.

Both Couple Clubs of Temple Israel celebrate New Year's Eve of 1981 with New Year's Eve parties; Young Couples Club at Valentinos and the original Couples Club at Sharonview Country Club.

Adult Education continues its Film Series. The first film was shown on December 21st at Temple Israel. It was "The Pocket Knife", based on the story by Sholom Aleichem. Two more films will follow.

Sisterhood is conducting Bondarama with weekly raffles of \$50 U. S. Savings Bonds. Culmination will come in June with a gala dinner dance, at which numerous Israel Bonds and additional U. S. Savings Bonds will be raffled. One chance costs \$25, and tickets drawn are returned for future drawings. For tickets call Barbara Levin at 366-4534, or send your check to her at 5019 Carmel Park Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211.

At its December meeting a renowned plastic surgeon was guest speaker for Sisterhood . . . title of talk: "A Chanukah Lift." Debbie Hirsch is President.

In the planning stage is a second Chavurah group, whose purpose is to establish a "family" for people in Charlotte who need a family connection. Also announced are plans for a 1981 Israel Pilgrimage for young people and a summer adventure called "USY on Wheels", both for people 14½ to 18 years of age. Contact Rabbi Rocklin.

Temple Israel Ritual Committee will meet January 22 at 8:00 P.M. to discuss "Women's Rights in the Temple." Entire membership is invited to attend.

Sisterhood's annual Art Auction is scheduled for Sunday evening, February 1st at Temple Israel. There will be a preview from 6:30 to 7:30, when the Auction will begin. Park West Galleries of New York, Atlanta, and Detroit will present the Display.

STATESVILLE

Congregation Emanuel welcomed David Andrew Green as a full-fledged member during Bar Mitzvah ceremonies on Saturday, October 11. David is the oldest son of Morton and Zelda Green. Most honored attendant was Harry Wallace, maternal grandfather of David, who makes his home with the Morton Green family in Statesville.

Dr. Israel J. Gerber, who together with teachers of the congregational religious school supervised David's training for the past year, witnessed his vows and led the services. It represented Dr.

Gerber's last official visit to Congregation Emanuel, where he served as spiritual leader for the past eight years. Dr. Gerber has assumed full rabbinical duties with the Gastonia congregation.

In observance of Jewish Book Month in November, the members of the Hebrew classes of the religious school of Congregation Emanuel are presenting the Iredell Public Library with books donated by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Such donations have been made annually for the past six years under supervision of Mrs. Bea Katz and the County Library's Librarian.

Mr. and Mrs. David Richard Morrow of Lincolnton, N. C. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dani Sue, and Barry Stephen Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lipman Gordon of Statesville. Miss Morrow has been studying at the College of Charleston for the past two and one-half years, and her fiance, who is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, is employed by L. Gordon Iron and Metal Company of Statesville. The wedding is planned for February, 1981.

Laura A. Lipsitz was sworn in as an Assistant State's Attorney of the

From left, kneeling, Janet Rosenfeld; back row, Mrs. Benjamin Katz, teacher, Mrs. Cecil Ram, and Mrs. Paul Pero, children's librarian.



Fourth Judicial District of Florida during ceremonies in Jacksonville Monday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lipshitz (note different spelling) of Statesville, and a graduate of Statesville High School. She received a B.S. Degree in Industrial Relations and Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and earned her Juris Doctor degree from Duke University this year.

TEMPLE ISRAEL ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Jewish Education is planning a series of lectures on the course of Jewish history. A total of six sessions, all Sunday evenings, are devoted to this subject.

January 18 (or 25), 1981—Dr. John Rigley of U.N.C.C. will talk about Jewish history during the Middle Ages.

February 22, 1981—Mr. Marc BenJoseph will cover contemporary and modern history of East European Jewry.

April 12, 1981—Mr. Raphael Panetz, Director of the Hebrew Academy, will talk about the contemporary and modern history of West European Jewry.

May 17, 1981—Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin will cover the period from the birth of political Zionism to the founding of the State of Israel.

We also plan to continue with our movie program. Three dates, all Sunday evenings, have been reserved for that purpose:

December 21, 1980

March 8, 1981

June 14, 1981

We would like to get your input on the kind of movies, foreign and domestic, that you would like us to bring to you. Call the Temple—376-2796 or Shai Richardson—366-2441.

Shai Richardson, Chairman
Adult Jewish Education
Sidney Goozner,
Co-Chairman

N. C. Association of Jewish Women

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THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATIONS OF JEWISH WOMEN AND JEWISH MEN AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON CITIZEN'S AFFAIRS, IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP BY JEWISH CITIZENS IN OUR STATE, HAVE ESTABLISHED THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN SERVICES AWARDS. THE 1981 AWARDS WILL RECOGNIZE THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES. NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON SPECIFIC RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS OR CONTINUING LEADERSHIP IN BOTH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY. RECOGNITION AWARDS WILL BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATIONS OF JEWISH WOMEN AND JEWISH MEN ON APRIL 12, 1981 IN RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.

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NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH WOMEN

by Francine Schauer

On Wednesday, October 15,
1980, the North Carolina State

Council on Social Legislation held its annual meeting. We, the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, as members of this group were well represented by Eva Gerstel, first vice-president; Nell Hirschberg, past president; and myself, Francine Schauer, third vice-president.

Pat Bullard, chairperson of the council's Legislative Committee, reported on the agenda of the 1980 General Assembly. This included programs to encourage Permanency Planning for foster children, the creation of a Juvenile Law Study Commission, continuation of the Social Services Study Commission, relief for counties to help finance Medicaid, and training and skill development of the mentally retarded and/or disabled persons.

The Council voted to select four of six items to be lobbied for in 1981. Ranking first in priority was permanent homes for foster children, second protection of older adults in group care, third hunger and nutrition, and fourth alternatives to imprisonment.

Our first priority, permanent homes for foster children, is most essential. Many of these children have been shuttled from home to home over the years causing trauma and psychological problems far more severe than had they been left in their own homes. It is essential to children's well being to find appropriate permanent homes. Some of the ways North Carolina can improve the lives of foster children is to reduce the caseloads for foster care workers, supply sufficient legal services, and have sufficient subsidies for those adopted children with special needs. These measures can cost the taxpayer now, but eventually it can be money saved over the long run.

Protection for older adults in group care is becoming more necessary as this group of our society grows larger. Day care centers for senior citizens are becoming more widespread and for the protection of the vulnerable older adult, standards must be set and demanded.

Hunger and poor nutrition is a widespread problem in North Carolina. It is of utmost importance that we educate our people to this problem. It is even more important that we do something to alleviate

the problem. The State of North Carolina needs to provide assistance to the counties who pay 46% of the cost of the Food Stamp Program. At present the State only supplies 4% and the Federal government 50% of the monies needed for this program.

We also need to develop alternatives to imprisonment. If we can defuse the criminal behavior and restore productive behavior, we could lessen the cost for the tax payer by alleviating the burden of the total care of the prisoner which in many cases can prove detrimental to his/her rehabilitation.

These are ambitious programs for our lobbyists to tackle. With our support, I'm sure gains will be made. We can all be proud of NCAJW's involvement with the North Carolina State Council for Social Legislation.

If you are interested in learning more about social legislation, the Council and the North Carolina Council of Churches will have a joint seminar at McKimmon Center on January 13th and 14th. Registration fee for both days is \$12.50. For further information, please contact Francine Schauer, 3728 Lassiter Mill Road, Raleigh, N.C. Among the panelists will be our own Elbert Levy, MSW Blumenthal Home for the Jewish Aged. He will address the topic, Protection of Older Adults in Group Care.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! April 12, 1981

Plan to attend the 60th anniversary of the annual meeting and luncheon of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women which will be held in conjunction with the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men in the magnificent surroundings of the new Mission Valley Motor Hotel in Raleigh, N.C. A gourmet menu has been planned, hilarious entertainment is already in rehearsal, and the North Carolina Human Services Awards

will be presented to the winners. To complete the afternoon, a nationally known speaker who will remain anonymous for the present (you won't believe who it is), has been engaged and all for the ridiculously low cost of less than \$15.00 per person.

If you missed our affair last year don't let it happen again, for those of you who did attend can tell you how sensational it was.

Have you paid your dues? Please send your check of \$10.00, \$7.50 for senior citizens, to North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, Mrs. Yetta Leder, Box 637, Whiteville, N.C. 28472.

Doris Dworsky, President

AN OPEN LETTER TO JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Friends:

In November letters were mailed to sisterhoods and other women's organizations, asking for contributions to the Blumenthal Jewish Home, to be sent before or during **January, 1981**. Our fiscal year ends March 31, 1981. The funds have meant much to the Home. Executive Director Al A. Mendlovitz has assured the committee that these funds continue to be urgently needed, for those residents who cannot afford the full cost of maintenance, and to help with general operating expenses. Some groups have already responded. Whether or not your group received a letter, we hope you will respond to this appeal as generously as possible. We also invite groups from our neighboring state, South Carolina, to respond.

Checks are made payable to the Blumenthal Jewish Home and are sent to either of the co-chairmen. Note addresses below. Or you may mail them directly to Executive Director Al A. Mendlovitz, P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, N.C. 27012.

To review a bit of history—January is the magic month for the

North Carolina Jewish Women. Our Association was organized sixty years ago in Goldsboro, in January, 1921, by Mrs. Sol Weil. The first Founders' Day Appeal letters for a North Carolina Jewish Home were mailed in January, 1956. Some groups have sent contributions every year since that time; others, even earlier, long before the dream became a reality. Our Association at the annual convention in Charlotte, spring of 1954, had voted to sponsor the establishment of a Jewish Home for the Aged in North Carolina. At the annual convention in Wilmington, spring of 1955, a sisterhood voluntarily made the first contribution, thus sparking the idea for the Founders' Day letters.

The dream became a reality with the joint sponsorship of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, and the dedicated zeal and generosity of I. D. and Madolyn Blumenthal and others.

Those who attended the 15th Annual Meeting and the gala weekend at the Blumenthal Jewish Home in October were thrilled with what they saw and heard, and inspired by past accomplishments and future plans. We can be truly proud of the beautiful building and grounds, the bright, cheerful rooms, the dedicated staff and Board of Governors, and primarily, the cared-for residents.

With deep gratitude for your past support, we ask for your continued help, and look forward to hearing from you. From the Home and the NCAJW, every good wish. May the New Year bring to you and your families the blessings of good health and much joy.

Sincerely,
 Sylvia L. Margolis
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 Co-Chmn., Women's
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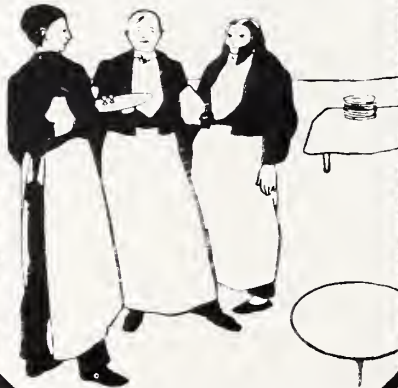
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SHORT CIRCUITS

by Rabbi Reuben Kesner

1. In 1964, shortly after my arrival in Whiteville, N.C., I brought to Bar Mitzvah a youth who set an example for future Jewish learning achievement in the Southeast Circuit. He was the model for all who followed the same course of study toward Jewish manhood.

His name is Gary Kramer. Even at 13, he stood tall in my sight. Not unlike most young teenagers whom I teach and who wish to excel, Gary applied himself to his studies to the pleasure of himself and his family.

The circuit riding rabbi is in an enviable position in that he has his students on a one-to-one basis. He observes their minuses, he discerns their pluses. He tries to imbue all with a love of themselves, their total selves—the holy and the profane, the Jewish and the secular.

After seventeen years, the circuit riding rabbi steps back a few paces to scan the crew he has been privileged to teach, and he picks Gary out of the crowd. He finds him still setting an example in the Jewish community. Gary Kramer is President of the congregation in which he was brought to Bar Mitzvah. "It's so real, it makes me want to cry" is a line in a popular song sung by Englebert Humperdinck. After all, isn't the sincere pursuit of Jewish life what a rabbi really wants of his Bar Mitzvah students?

2. When I arrived in Whiteville, I found a gem in one of the most actively interested members of Beth Israel Center, Joe Mann, "olov hasholom". He was a man married to his synagogue. He protected it zealously. He pursued his Jewish way of life with love. This trait sifted down into his son, Sol, who now follows that same path toward the good life. Sol

possesses the attribute a rabbi adores in a fellow Jew—the study of Torah, a love for his Jewish people, a reverence for God. He also possesses the Jewish values now considered universal values—



Ricky, Eileen, and Michael Steven Leinwand.

love for mankind, justice, compassion, and respect for the dignity of all people.

Not only his rabbi and his fellow congregants of the tiny synagogue in Whiteville recognize those traits, but all who know Sol, young and not so young, Jew and Christian, feel the humane beat of his heart when in his presence. Earlier this year, he was selected by the Whiteville Civitan Club and named the Citizen of the Year.

3. In November, Michael Steven Leinwand came into this world. His parents, the Ricky Leinwands of Elizabethtown; grandparents, the Wallace Leinwands of Elizabethtown, and the Alan Silvers of Raleigh, greeted him royally. He is the first child, and therefore, subject to much Jewish ritual. He has already begun his journey on the road to Jewish fulfillment. Hopefully, it will be a long and happy one for it lasts a whole lifetime.

To date Michael has participated in a Sholom Zoehor, a Bris, and a

Pidyan Haben. Michael has much more to look forward to—a Bar Mitzvah, a Confirmation, a Graduation, the marriage canopy, plus many Sabbaths, many Chanukahs, many Purims, many Yom Kippurs, many Passovers, etc., etc.

His father, Ricky, was brought to and through these milestones with flying colors, and I was privileged to be the responsible rabbi for same.

And so the years roll on. Judaism continues to flourish in the Southeast Circuit. Nothing much has changed in the seventeen years, Jewishly. The synagogue is still the focal point of the social, cultural, educational and religious life in my five towns. Amen and Amen.

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Sunday, April 12, 1981

MISSION VALLEY HOTEL

Raleigh, North Carolina

For The Record

by Norman Olshansky
Regional Director
Anti-Defamation League

I received a phone threat the other day. The caller, who had a German accent, asked if I was familiar with what had happened in Paris (the synagogue bombing). Before I was able to respond by asking who was calling, he essentially said that the same thing was going to happen here that weekend . . . whereupon he hung up.

While I did not believe that the threat would be carried out, I nevertheless took appropriate precautions. I alerted the authorities and quietly, without public fanfare, arranged for all of the local Jewish institutions to receive extra police coverage and observation.

Fortunately, this turned out to simply be another crank call. Yet, even as a hoax, such threats are indicative of attitudes which support anti-Semitism of the most violent kind.

We live in a world where international events are connected by instant communications and transportation which makes any place easily accessible for terrorism, including the United States.

On a daily basis, Jewish institutions and leaders receive threats by phone and are harassed by hate mail. Locally, vandalism, destruction of property, and personal harassment are not uncommon. International neo-Nazi and fascist groups are making linkages with their American counterparts. The PLO and Soviets are training and supporting many leftist extremist groups, some now operating within our borders.

We cannot afford to relate to extremism and anti-Semitic terrorism in Europe as isolated from our own daily concerns. The fact is, today we have an

international, political and economic climate which provides fertile ground for anti-Semitism.

While I do not want to lead people to believe that the sky is falling, I sincerely feel that we must strengthen and stimulate further Jewish community vigilance and education in combatting anti-Semitic extremism and terrorism.

Those charged with responsibilities for providing Jewish community relations need your help. You can help us by letting us know immediately when a situation occurs which should be of

concern. It is essential that we combat anti-Semitism at its early stages. If we let these incidents go by, unresolved, we are opening the door to those who would attempt the extreme.

Hopefully the next call I get will be from someone who wants to offer help and not to destroy.

For more information on what you can do, contact your local rabbi, Jewish community leadership and/or the Anti-Defamation League, 3311 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

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RECONSTRUCTIONIST MOVEMENT

The founder of the Reconstructionist Movement is 99 years old. He still lectures and receives many visitors in Israel, where he settled seven years ago. He retired from his active role in 1977, formally ending his remarkable career as scholar, author, educator, and philosopher.

The current President of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation is Rabbi Ludwig Nadelman, who announced that the entire year between June 11, 1980 and June 11, 1981 is being celebrated as Mordecai Kaplan's Centennial Year, celebrated at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City November 22, with the presence of Dr. Kaplan and his wife.

Having taught for over fifty years at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, many of his students seek him out in Israel. The Seminary ordained him as a Conservative rabbi in 1902. His Reconstructionist philosophy emerged as a form he believed

compatible with Jews of America. Born in Lithuania in 1881, he was one of the great wave of Jewish emigration to the United States after a cruel edict was issued by the Czar.

He long strove to develop the movement which he believed would stop the disintegration of Jewish life. He taught the idea of an organic Jewish community, and defined Judaism as a religious civilization with its spiritual center in Israel.

Although denounced by the Orthodox, even his opponents concede he asked the right questions. His answers to those questions gave rise to the Reconstructionist Movement. He did not intend to create a new branch of Judaism, but gradually that was one of the results. He served as Rabbi of the first congregation in Manhattan which he founded. The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia trains its students to serve as rabbis in the

Reconstructionist philosophy. Ira Eisenstein is President of the College. Students must study in Israel for one year.

A New Approach to the Problems of Judaism was Mordecai Kaplan's first book, written in 1904, after which he continued to write books of his philosophy of Judaism.

HIAS AND THE RUSSIANS

From Jerusalem we hear that there may be a major concession by HIAS, the world-wide Jewish organization, which has been under pressure from Israel and the Jewish Agency. Despite previous statements that HIAS would not agree to any change that would deny Russian Jews who reach Vienna the right to choose their ultimate destination, there may be a new arrangement, which will take them to Naples, instead of Rome, where if they have close relatives in the United States, they will be aided. If not, they will be urged to go to Israel, but will not receive any help from HIAS. Prime Minister Begin proposed that those Russian Jews who do not go to Israel should not be aided by HIAS.

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Women Rabbis (or "GROW")

by Franklin Blank

The faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America has been confronted directly by a Jewish women's group to accept women as rabbinical candidates for Conservative Judaism.

The group, which calls itself GROW, for the Group of Rabbinic Ordination of Women, met at a forum in the Conservative Synagogue of Riverdale, New York. About half of the group are men who advocate as strongly for the admittance of women as rabbis in Jewish Conservatism. The group has 100 very active members demonstrating to the JTS "widespread dissatisfaction" with the JTS Faculty Senate decision to postpone indefinitely any action on the issue.

An ordained woman rabbi, Linda Holzman, a 1979 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, said that she found no resistance of the Conservative congregation to her services. In fact, she was eagerly sought for ceremonies at weddings. Rabbi Holzman also stated she was "definitely" getting the same salary as a male rabbi.

Another avid member of GROW, Frances Klagsbrun, said she has been traveling extensively for research on a book. Everywhere women for rabbinic acceptance was a formidable topic and she was asked about women rabbis. Declaring she was angry over the JTS Faculty postponement, she said it was "ridiculous and unfair" to exclude women from the Conservative rabbinate. She asserted the overwhelming majority of members did favor ordination. Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz, Professor of Talmud at the JTS, said the major issue of the debate was not Halachic but purely political. He said the question of women rabbis serving as witnesses

was a legal question which could be resolved by rabbinic interpretation. From this viewpoint, this is traditionally male religious discrimination, for the character of the individual rabbi, male or female, should be the primary issue as quality witnesses. The forum was in controversy over the issue with a "rabbinic interpretation" by Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz implying judgment by a majority

male rabbinate. Ordination of women rabbis in Conservative Judaism is a long awaited reform in the Jewish religion.

Since perseverance is the quality seemingly most successful in gaining social reform, organizations such as GROW may still be victorious in widespread acceptance in Conservatism of good women rabbis.



Tradition in the Kitchen

by Estelle Hoffman

MODERN JEWISH COOKING, by Bonne Rae London. Crown Publishers, Inc. 384 pp. \$14.95.

The "trouble" has been taken out of traditional Jewish cooking. *Modern Jewish Cooking* by Bonne Rae London, born in Richmond, Virginia, is the first strictly kosher cookbook designed for use with the latest kitchen aids such as the microwave oven, food processor, crock pot, blender, and mixer. In the year 5741 on the Jewish calendar, this unique cookbook brings modern convenience to ancient cooking traditions.

New tastes as well as time-honored favorites such as tzimmes, kreplach, blintzes, cholent, and challah, and kosher adaptations of dishes such as pizza, quiche, and chili are amongst the over 500 kosher recipes. The author's goal is to "indulge a love of traditional (kosher) cooking without the labor that was once involved." Conventional instructions are also given for those who lack one or more of the kitchen appliances.

It is a contemporary guide to kosher cooking following the Biblical instructions and prohibitions regarding diet under the laws of the Kashrut that tell which foods are allowed, methods of preparation, and how they may be mixed.

There is a comprehensive section on "How to Keep Kosher" with guidelines on setting up a kosher kitchen, shopping, and holiday preparations. The book contains full information about the appliances, menu planning, foods for children and babies. There are sections providing high fiber, low sodium, low cholesterol, low calorie and other special requirement diets and menus. Included also are menus and instructions for holidays and an extended chapter on Passover dishes.



Bonne Rae London

Bonne Rae London's book is a culmination of a creative love for cooking and her heritage. Ghandi wrote, "It hurts me to think that people in their rush for everything modern despise all their ancient traditions and ignore them in their lives." In contrast, Mrs. London harnesses modern devices to serve and preserve ancient traditions. With *Modern Jewish Cooking* recipes of Jewish antiquity are prepared according to a tradition dating over 5,000 years, in a fraction of the time it used to take.

The recipes are from MODERN JEWISH COOKING by Bonne Rae London.

APPLE AND CARROT TZIMMES (PAREVE)

- 4 apples
- 1 lb. (500 grams)* carrots
- 2 Tbsp. (25 ml) barley
- 3 Tbsp. (45 ml) pareve margarine
- ½ cup (125 ml) water
- 1 tsp. (5 ml) salt
- 2 tsp. (10 ml) honey
- ½ tsp. (2 ml) nutmeg
- ½ tsp. (2 ml) cinnamon

Food Processor Directions: Quarter and core apple. Cut into large chunks. Peel carrots and cut

into chunks. Insert shredding disc in food processor and shred apples and carrots.

Put all ingredients into saucepan. Cover and cook over low heat for 2 hours, or until barley is tender. Stir occasionally, adding more water if necessary.

Serve hot as a vegetable dish. *Yields 6 servings.*

BASIC SWEET KIGEL (PAREVE)

- 3 eggs
- ½ cup (125 ml) sugar
- ¼ cup (50 ml) pareve margarine, melted
- ½ tsp. (5 ml) salt or to taste
- 1 tsp. (5 ml) cinnamon
- 2 cups (500 ml) cooked rice, or
- 8 oz. (250 grams) noodles, cooked and drained, or
- 3 cakes matzah, crumbled and soaked in warm water, then well drained

Microwave Oven Directions: Beat eggs and sugar together. Add margarine, salt and cinnamon. Fold in rice or noodles or matzah. Pour mixture into a glass baking dish, cover with plastic wrap, and place in microwave oven. Cook on high setting 15 minutes.

Conventional Oven Directions: Pour prepared mixture into a greased baking dish and bake at 350° F (180° C) 1 hour, or until browned. *Yield 4 to 6 servings.*

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I usually speak to your readers in another column, but today I want to address them on a very special subject.

Would you give ten minutes of your time if you had good reason to believe it would help a family in a difficult situation? Would your conscience bother you, later, if you found that your failure to give the ten minutes might have contributed to failure and disappointment?

You have heard of Abe Stolar, the Chicago-born Jew who, together with his wife and son, are not being permitted to leave Moscow. After a careful study of the case we believe that the Stolars may not be victims of any Soviet plot, but have simply fallen into the meshes of an ordinary bureaucracy which exists in many countries. They had been given permission to leave in 1975, but for technical reasons were at the last minute turned back at the airport.

Stolar and his son hold valid American passports. His wife, Gita, has been granted Israeli citizenship. They are recognized in Moscow as foreign nationals, but their case has been pigeonholed by underling clerks.

We believe that if we can bring this obvious instance of injustice to the attention of the right people in Moscow, the wrong will be righted. Organizations across the land, like the Anti-Defamation League, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and others are joining in a united effort to clear the red tape and let the Stolars go home.

You, dear reader, can help. Please address a polite letter to H.E. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, The Kremlin, RSFSR, Moscow, USSR, calling his attention to the case and asking him to correct the injustice. If

you want to do more, write in the same vein to K. I. Zotov, All Union Ovir, Ul. Ogareva 6, Moscow 103009, USSR — perhaps with copies to H.E. Ambassador Anatoli Dobrynin, the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C.

If you want to have a good feeling that you did something useful — won't you please write that letter **today**? Tomorrow you won't have to reproach yourself for laziness or lack of conscience. And instead of just reading about history, you will in your small way also have a share in shaping it!

Carl Alpert

Haifa

I have had a lot of favorable comments about my poem that you published in the September issue, "Remember, Reconsider and Repent." I have been enjoying reading the magazine, especially your poem of your grandfather "How We Arrived." It would be a good entry in the Hayman America category in the N. C. Poetry Society contest. If interested in submitting, let me know. There are many other categories. I could send you contest rules and categories.

Muriel Hoff,
Greensboro, N. C.

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This is just a short note to tell you how much I enjoy reading your issues of the *Times Outlook*. You have given a fresh and interesting format to the publication. In particular, I feel that you have increased its interest and relevance to the Jews of the Carolinas.

Marvin Bienstock, Director
Jewish Community Center
of Charlotte

I look forward to receiving your publication every month and find pleasure in reading about Jewish life in the Carolinas. I wonder, however, why you miss a number of important news items. For example, the establishment of the first Orthodox synagogue in North Carolina in many years was not mentioned. That synagogue was started in Raleigh over two years ago. The coming to North Carolina of a Lubavitcher Chassid and his family to coordinate North Carolina activities is another story that was not covered.

Perhaps you can persuade those people who already write for the publication concerning their organizations to include Jewish news from their areas.

Sincerely,
Saul Brenner

(We are trying to get information on the Synagogue in Raleigh. The Chassidim have arrived. Their story will be printed.)

Book Reviews

KNOWLEDGE AND DECISIONS,
Thomas Sowell. Basic Books,
422 pp. \$18.50

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Television viewers who became acquainted with Thomas Sowell during discussions which followed some sections of Milton Friedman's "Free to Choose" series were impressed by the fluent expression of Sowell's thinking.

"Knowledge & Decisions" is an important book, because its concerns are vital to everyone. The book is a brilliant result of years of study and research in his field of Economics, with keen insight into the fields of History, Political Science, Sociology, and Behavioral Science. The reader cannot fail to be impressed by convincing statements which invite quotation as morsels of wisdom. However, notwithstanding his great ability for lucid expression, the author states that it is almost impossible to be articulate, even about such ordinary things as an apartment or a can of peas. He has written in elegant language of matters of importance, such as our national treasure, freedom, that "rare and fragile thing." To answer some critics, he writes, "The Constitution of the United States implicitly recognizes the very high cost of consensus in some areas by flatly forbidding the government from even attempting to reach a consensus in religious matters. Yet the cost of consensus is implicitly treated as negligible in naive complaints that 'the American system seems less well adapted to the mobilization of a positive energetic will.' That failing is sometimes known as freedom."

The first chapter analyzes the role of Knowledge, its nature, and application now and in the past. "Civilization is an enormous device for economizing on knowl-

edge." He continues with analysis and discussion of decision making in our economic, legal, and political institutions. Most important of all decisions is who makes the decisions. He warns against the practice of "throwing out the bad guys," because it is not true that things cannot get worse. Professor Sowell writes from a practical viewpoint about matters as basic as time and the range of available choices. He points to common fallacies of ranking things falsely, making comparisons between things which lack a criterion. He defines Economics as "a method of trading off one value against another."

One chapter each is devoted to Economic, Social, and Political Trade-offs, the functions of our society in various kinds of existing governments and institutions, with references to others in history. He criticizes boldly our Regulatory Agencies and Court System. He stresses the importance of normal evolutionary processes in the human experience and the value of feedback, decrying the influence of intellectuals and discounting the merits of predictions by experts, whom he compares to the seers in ancient times.

After his detailed inspection of Social Institutions in Part I, he assesses in Part II Trends and Issues, divided into Trends in Economics, Law, and Politics, most of which he finds discouraging. However, he leaves us with hope. He has warned us against reports which he claims are based on incorrect or insufficient data. Typical of misleading statistics, he offers the lack of consideration of variables such as age. Statistics on unemployment fail to consider that the median age of blacks is twenty-two, whereas that of Jews is forty-six. "Blacks in the twenty-four to forty-four year old brackets

have consistently had lower unemployment rates than whites under twenty." He discusses the law of diminishing returns. He contradicts assertions of "woe and crises" in our society with results of a survey of which this is one part: "Among the supposedly embittered and disenchanted youth, 90% of the supposedly alienated workers with 'dehumanizing' jobs describe themselves as satisfied with their work." He believes that "A frontal assault on freedom is still impossible in America . . ."

Thomas Sowell was a North Carolinian, who is now teaching at the University of California in Los Angeles. He is a Black who deals objectively with matters of prejudice and equality. His definite views excite the reader to question long held opinions. His previous books are "Classical Economics Reconsidered" and "Race and Economics." He is writing an ethnic history of the United States.

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TURN TO THE SOUTH, Essays on Southern Jewry. Edited by Nathan M. Kaganoff and Melvin I. Urofsky. University Press of Virginia.

The melting pot has cooled. No longer do we need to hide our origins in order to proclaim our Americanism. The Southern Jewish Historical Society is thriving. One-half million Jews live in the South, a larger Jewish population than all but five nations of the world; however, it is a widely scattered population, and much study remains to be done. *TURN TO THE SOUTH* is a collection of fourteen essays dealing with various aspects of the history of Southern Jews, a history which began in 1733. Some of the essays are reports of individual noteworthy Jews; others attempt to assess the relationship of Southern Jews to their environment. The role of the Rabbi in the South is discussed by Malcolm H. Stern.

Arnold Shankman, Professor of History at Winthrop College, has written a carefully researched analysis of the manner in which Southern Blacks have viewed the Jew.

Although much of the substance of this collection deals with the era preceding World War II, there is some treatment of the position of Jews in the New South, and some reports on the results of recent polls, showing the radical transformation occurring now, and a plea for understanding of the forces at work.

A native of South Carolina, Ronald L. Bern, is the author of *THE LEGACY*, a novel based on his personal history. His essay in *TURN TO THE SOUTH* stresses the use of personal experience in writing fiction which depicts history from an author's viewpoint. Ronald Bern was taught his Bar Mitzvah by George Ackerman of Ft. Mill, and George can be recognized in one of the individuals in *THE LEGACY*.

In his essay, "Jews and Other Southerners," Stephen J. Whitfield mentions the fact that negroes are a more likely target of prejudice than the Jews. He cites a matter of particular interest to readers of the *Times Outlook*. He names Thomas Dixon as "the most racist litterateur in American history," but not an enemy of the Jews, and author of *THE CLANSMAN*, degrading negroes. The D. W. Griffith film, *THE BIRTH OF A NATION*, was made from that book, and profits from both enabled Dixon to buy the land known to us as Wildacres. During the Great Depression it was purchased by I. D. Blumenthal, of beloved memory, and it continues to be sponsored by the Blumenthal Foundation as a Retreat to further the cause of Brotherhood among all people. Whitfield notes the B'nai B'rith Institute's annual Wildacres sessions, and the irony in the fact that B. B.'s Anti-Defamation League fights racism, and he quotes from Genesis 22:17: "Thy seed shall possess the gates of their enemies."

Some of the general impressions are gained from the collection, especially that the experiences of Jews in the South have varied, according to each location and the kind of Jew who lived in each community. There are a few contradictions, which may disturb the reader. Particularly sensitive is the final essay, written by Eli N. Evans, a native North Carolinian, whose grandparents moved to Durham from Baltimore. With great enthusiasm he is engaged in research among Southern Jewish families. He encourages the reader to do likewise, and ends his essay thus: "Southern Jewish history is alive and unfolding; the search is on not only for what happened but for what people felt, hoped, feared—Jews . . . in the South . . . Southern Jews, Jewish Southerners . . . interlaced and intermingled . . . A prism to re-experience Southern history, to

explore and discover these new participants in the Southern drama, an exciting and vital part of the Jewish experience in America."

Estelle Hoffman

by Leo L. Hoffman

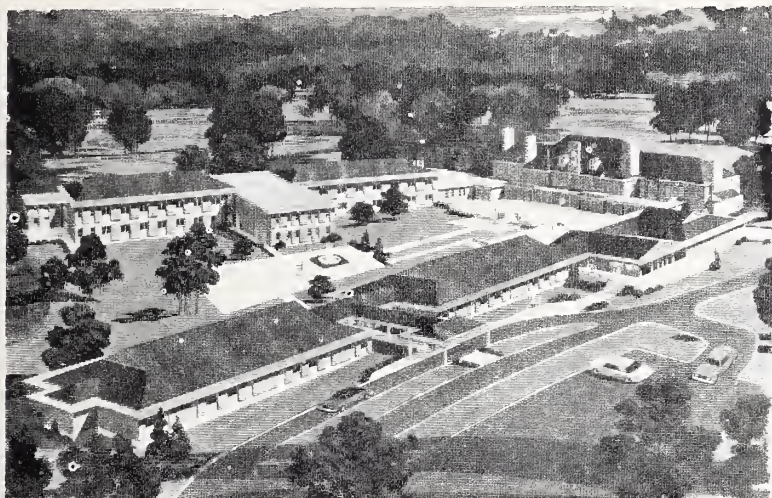
THE PRESENT DANGER by Norman Podhoretz. Simon and Schuster. 109 pp. \$7.95.

Norman Podhoretz is the Editor of *Commentary Magazine*. He has come to see Communism as "the single greatest and most powerful threat to freedom on the face of the earth." In this collection of brief essays, he attacks Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives and especially our makers of foreign policy for their failure to perceive the threat posed by totalitarian Communism.

He names Eisenhower, Nixon, Dulles, and Dean Acheson for failing to resist the aggressor in Korea, in Hungary, in Viet Nam. He accuses Brzezinski of believing that the USSR shared our dreams and aspirations. He blames Carter, who thought the threat posed by hungry nations was greater than that of the Russians. He believes the side which opposes totalitarian Communism is the RIGHT side, politically and morally.

Podhoretz's great regret is that we have not assisted in the righteous causes which arose in Hungary, Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Iran, and Cuba. His fear is great that it may already be too late to turn the tide of Soviet aggression. His sincerity and conviction are frightening.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1979-80

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Al. A. Mendlovitz

This past year has been a period of dynamic growth and stabilization. In no time in the Home's history have we served as many people as during the past year. We had a record of 45,284 total patient days, an 11.6% increase over the 1978-79 year. For the first time since the Home's size tripled in 1978, we have had to develop a waiting list.

The fear one has when there is this kind of growth is that the individual touch might be lost. Yet not only has the number of Residents grown, but the quality of life at the Home has become richer. A total restructuring of the administration in nursing, social work and recreation therapy provided for the continuation and further development of personalization in all facets of resident life. In addition, each Resident has his own individual care plan. Residents and their families are increasingly involved with the staff in the development of this plan, and in making decisions about their par-

POPULATION STATISTICS

For Year Ended 9/30/80

	Men	Women	Total
Residents in Home (10/1/79)	25	97	122
Admissions	11	25	36
Discharges	0	4	4
Deaths	8	17	25
Census 9/30/80	28	101	129
Average Daily Census: 124.17			
Average Length of Stay: 1 year, 7 months			
Total Days Care: 45,284			

ADMISSIONS

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Inquiries	91	194	189	213	205	244
Completed Applications	36	91	60	124	78	73
Rejected Applications	8	10	6	12	2	4
Deceased/Withdrawn	12	17	16	19	22	19
Deferred	4	13	31	35	5	3
Temporary Admittance	2	9	7	19	2	2
Admissions	10	42	30	39	47	36

AGE DISTRIBUTION

Age	Male %		Female %		Total %	
Under 65	0	0	2	1.5	2	1.5
65-69	2	1.5	2	1.5	4	3.0
70-74	2	1.5	10	7.8	12	9.3
75-79	3	2.3	17	13.2	20	15.5
80-84	8	6.2	32	24.8	40	31.0
85-89	6	4.7	22	17.1	28	21.8
90-100	7	5.5	16	12.4	23	17.9
TOTALS	28	21.7%	101	78.3%	129	100%

ticular needs and finding the best ways of meeting these needs.

The issue of the Home's future is a concern to all of us. There is no question that the Home's first priority is to serve those whom we presently serve. Whatever new plans evolve, care will be taken to maintain financial integrity, so that the Home's highly successful program of serving those who have medical and emotional needs will not be diminished. Though it is clear that our Residents receive the best possible care in a long-term setting, we are committed to continually upgrading our program.

Beyond this commitment, the major issue of whether or not we will develop facilities for the well elderly (the dream of some of the Home's founders), is being given very careful consideration. Under the dynamic leadership of President Cyril Jacobs, the Home is in the process of determining the viability of a retirement village. The next six months will be crucial in this task. The Home will continue to grow and flourish. The only question is, "In which direction?"

Needless to say, we are proud of our past and look forward to the future. We recognize the complete support of the community, and we want to thank you both for that support and for your willingness to make our Jewish Home among the best in the country.

AID CATEGORIES

	Male	Female	Total
Cane or Walker	3	10	13
Wheelchair	11	63	74
Incontinent	12	36	48
Colostomy	1	1	2
Needs to be fed	7	15	22
Poor eyesight (glasses)	14	56	70
Partially deaf	5	36	41
Hearing aid	2	4	6
Catheter	2	12	14

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Regular diets are served to 44% of our Residents. The remaining 56% are served a version of one of the 11 modified diets ordered by the Home's physicians.

ANALYSIS OF RESIDENT FEES

	Annual Fees By Category	% of Total Resident Fees	% of Total Resident Fees
Resident Fees			
Private Pay	1,060,755	60.0%	52.7%
Medicaid	697,515	39.5%	44.0%
Medicare	3,109	.2%	.2%
Domiciliary Care	4,596	.3%	3.1%
Total Resident Fees	1,765,975	100.0%	100.0%

OPERATING COSTS BY CATEGORY

Expense Categories	Annual	Per Diem	% of Total
Salaries, Benefits, other	1,406,507	31.06	68.5%
Drugs/Nursing Dept. expenses	70,908	1.57	3.4%
Resident services expenses	7,135	.16	.4%
Food/Dietary supplies & expenses	220,032	4.86	10.7%
Linen/Dietary supplies & expenses	38,003	.84	1.8%
Maintenance Materials & expenses	34,266	.76	1.7%
Gas/Fuel/Electricity	79,121	1.75	3.9%
General & Administrative	84,325	1.86	4.1%
Depreciation expenses	114,103	2.52	5.5%
Total Expenses	2,054,400	45.38	100.0%

OPERATING COSTS BY DEPARTMENT

Departments	1978		1979		1980	
	Annual	% of Total	Annual	% of Total	Annual	% of Total
Nursing	471,007	40.6	625,036	43.0	858,183	44.2
Resident Services	47,193	4.1	73,060	5.0	103,515	5.4
Dietary	279,763	24.1	319,631	22.0	408,095	21.0
Facility Services	219,981	18.9	242,738	16.7	305,971	15.8
Administration	142,649	12.3	192,888	13.3	264,533	13.6
	\$1,160,593	100.0%	\$1,453,353	100.0%	\$1,940,297	100.0%

Highlights of the Year



Coordinated by Dr. Stephen Mackler, dentists volunteer 2 full days of service each month. Here, Dr. Robert Kreigsman and Cheryl Lawrence check Ann Passman.



1980 saw the first of the Blumenthal Jewish Home Sabbaths. Here, Mrs. Alice Fruh (Greensboro) displays one of the commemorative banners.



In-service education takes on a variety of forms. Ella Mae Byerly, Housekeeping Supervisor, attempts to eat, despite handicaps, in a workshop sponsored by the Occupational Therapy Department.



The Greater Association of Rabbis held their mid-winter annual Kelilah at the Home for the first time. Here, Rabbis Resnicoff, Moch and Marcus.



Residents enjoyed a variety of special events. Grace Schwartz (Greensboro) works with Ruth Johnson, Teresa Shoaf and Ida Kadis to design decorations for "Hawaii Day."



The Winter Wonderland Fashion Show, held in November, was one of the most exciting events of the year. Mrs. Douglas Vaughn models a sports outfit as the crowd admires.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Occupational Therapy and Nursing Departments are soliciting donations of new, wash & wear permanent press fabrics to make adaptive clothing for our wheelchair-bound Residents.

Fabrics should be pretty prints suitable for day time wear, preferably cotton blends.

Your help is urgently needed!

Please send donations to:

Blumenthal Jewish Home
P.O. Box 38
Clemmons, NC 27012
Attn: Jean Zook, OTR

Behind the Scenes, 1979-80

During the past year, the Administration and the Staff of the Home have placed increasing importance on the issues of residents' rights and the preservation of individuality and dignity within the long-term care setting.

Ours is an environment in which personal needs and preferences might often be denied or overlooked, since planning for the smooth operation of the total facility often calls for bending individual wishes and habits. Precisely because this is possible, there must be a strong commitment to soliciting individual opinions and preferences, planning with these in mind, and providing opportunities for individual choices and decisions.

Each of the Home's service departments has made changes during the last year to allow for greater personalization in the realm of resident care. Brief summaries of some of these developments are provided below.

In addition, Residents have participated in sessions which interpret the state's Patients' Bill of Rights, led by members of the Community Advisory Committee, as well as voiced their opinions about the general and specific problems of aging and long-term care in a local White House Conference on Aging Forum. Monthly Resident Council sessions, combined with regular Community Meetings on each of the Units, offer a format for effective Resident/Staff dialogue around personal or group problems that need to be resolved.

Finally, through in-service training sessions, departmental meetings, and weekly Care Planning Sessions, the Home's Staff is continually made aware of its responsibility for maintaining an environment which protects and promotes

each Resident's individuality and dignity.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

by Gladys Holcomb, RN,
Director of Nursing

The Unit system was established in the Nursing Department over a year ago. Each of the three nursing units has a Registered Nurse as Manager. The Unit Managers are responsible for the overall care, planning and maintenance of an environment which is conducive to the physical and emotional well-being of each of the residents on that Unit. Each Unit also has a Social Worker and a Recreation Therapist who work closely with Nursing and function as important parts of the care team.

Upon admission to the Home, a plan of care is formulated for each resident. Staff members from each discipline in the Home discuss the problems, set goals and establish approaches to be used in attaining these goals for each individual resident. It is important that residents and their families be included in planning their care. This inclusion of residents and families in the care planning sessions has developed over the past year, and has had many beneficial results. Through the individual care planning sessions, residents become aware that the Home's professional staff is concerned with helping them live as full and active lives as they choose.

The Resident Care Plan is reviewed every 60 days, or more often if the need arises. Individual assignments stemming from the RCP have been developed in the nursing department. These individual assignments provide for better control over care, and address the problems which are

documented in the RCP as well as provide for routine care on a 24 hour basis.

DIETARY DEPARTMENT

by Helen T. Bumgardner,
Administrative Dietitian

The past year in Dietary has been one of change geared to providing for our residents to make many of the same decisions that they made before coming to live at the Home. We have placed much emphasis on having individualized service, such as one would find in the more elite restaurants. Tablecloths for the noon and night meals, and a salad tray at noon to provide larger choice of items, are some of the other improvements. Residents are visited by the Dietitians during meal hours and are encouraged to verbalize their individual opinion about the meal and the service. This visiting also gives Dietary a chance to determine individual food preferences and to monitor the adequacy of each resident's caloric intake.

The Dietitians have completed nutritional assessments, food preference lists and an on-going Resident Care Plan on each individual Resident. 56% of our residents must have some modification of the regular diet. These residents also receive individualization of their prescribed diets and are encouraged to choose from the select menu as far as medically possible.

In the near future, we hope to honor each resident's birthday by using birthday placemats and napkins, and by serving a birthday cupcake complete with candle. This will be just another way that Dietary can say, "We care about you as a very special individual."

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

by Elaine Gibson, MSSW,
Director of Social Services

The primary emphasis of the Social Services Department during the past year has been that of recognizing the individuality of each of the Home's residents. Implementation of individualized care for each resident has been promoted through treatment planning sessions on each Unit, with assignment of follow-up ideas to staff members.

Unit community meetings have promoted the residents' participation as a group of individuals with specific needs and opinions. Our Department provides individual counseling and family counseling. Sponsorship of the volunteer one-to-one program provides further special attention to specific residents whose needs can best be met individually.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

by Jan Sawyer, NHA,
Director of Recreation

The change-over in May, 1980 to a Unit Recreation Therapist system had direct and positive consequences for each of the Home's 129 residents. Under the new Unit system, each resident has a direct and continuous relationship with the Recreation Therapist assigned permanently to his Unit. This trained staff person is directly accountable to and responsible for the recreation/activity needs of each of the 40-45 residents on the Unit. By planning with the other professional staff members the Recreation Therapist is able to offer appropriate activities based on each resident's particular physical abilities, interests and needs.

The Craft Shop is open both as a drop-in shop and as an extension of the Occupational Therapy

Department. Residents are able to take advantage of regular shop hours and the highly trained arts and crafts personnel.

Overall, there is a greater variety and a greater number of activities in the Home under the new Unit system. An often-heard complaint is that "There's too much to do." Yet provision of this opportunity for choosing how one wishes to spend leisure time is one of the most important aspects of the recreation program. For, through offering options, the Recreation Department can respond more sensitively to each resident's need for dignified, individual choices.

FACILITY SERVICES

by James A. Merrill,
Facility Services Director

This year the Maintenance Department has made a number of changes to improve living conditions for our residents. Some of the improvements on A Wing include putting up shelving in the solarium for games, flowers, books and storage; building a modified telephone booth near the nurse's station so residents can take and give telephone calls in private, even from their wheelchairs; building a new cabinet and shelving unit at the nursing station; and enhancing the lounge outside the A-Wing dining room with an entertainment center which includes a library, a television, and storage space for recreation.

The Maintenance Department improved the nursing call system on both B-1 and B-2 by installing bathroom alarms in the patient baths. A divider was made for the dining room on B-2 to improve eating arrangements for the residents.

The residents asked for large enclosed outdoor thermometers for each of the nursing wings, which the Department made and

installed.

In addition to maintaining the physical plant, the Maintenance Department tries to respond to all of those resident requests which will make the Home a more comfortable, attractive place in which to live.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES

by Hilda Sink, Director of
Business Services

Patient rights/responsibilities are topics that are widely discussed in regard to long-term care facilities. Governmental bodies have provided nursing homes with regulations and guidelines for implementing these rights. The Blumenthal Jewish Home wholeheartedly supports the intent of these governmental regulations and policies. Not only do we comply, we have introduced some very innovative approaches.

One example is that our residents now have a choice of financial institutions for depositing their funds. We have arranged for a representative of a local Savings and Loan to conduct a branch bank here twice weekly. Residents may maintain a regular savings account which earns interest. Another alternative is the Home's bank, which is operated by the Business Office. The funds in these accounts are kept in an interest-bearing account at the local Savings and Loan. Individual bank books are issued for each depositor. Quarterly interest that is earned on the aggregate funds is turned over to the President of the Resident's Council (the governing body established by the Residents) for their fund. These monies are used by the Resident's Council for special projects.

Each resident is encouraged to preserve his personal dignity by assuming responsibility for management of his monies. This is in keeping with the Home's philoso-

phy of encouraging active participation by the resident in managing his personal affairs.

OCCUPATION THERAPY

by Jean Zook, OTR

During the past year Occupational Therapy has begun to provide individually planned rehabilitative treatment to our residents with physical disabilities. Evaluation and treatment is available

for feeding, dressing, hygiene, upper extremity muscle re-education and perceptual training. Adaptive equipment is also prescribed. All evaluation and treatment is by physician's prescription and is either in individual or small group sessions.

The goal of Occupational Therapy is to help each resident stay or become as independent with self-care tasks as possible. Highlights of this year have been the

feeding programs on both B-1 and B-2 units. Residents who were formerly fed have been learning to feed themselves with only supervision or minimal assistance from staff.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home was called to order by the President, Mr. Cyril Jacobs, at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 1980. The invocation was offered by Rabbi Robert Sandman of High Point.

Mr. Al. A. Mendlovitz, Executive Director, welcomed the group. He also spoke of the work of the various members of the Staff. He then outlined the possible future plans for the Home, which included such items as the possibility of a retirement village on the grounds of the Home; Staff assistance in the various local communities in the form of an Outreach Program; and improvements at the Home, including a suitable auditorium-general purpose room.

Mr. Jacobs recognized Mr. Ellis Farber, a former member of the Board of Governors. Mr. Farber introduced the people in attendance from Weldon. He then presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 willed to the Home by his late sister, Louise, and spoke of her devotion to the Home.

The minutes of the 29 October, 1979 Annual Meeting were approved as circulated in TIMES-OUTLOOK.

Mr. Ellis Berlin, Treasurer, presented the financial statement as follows:

Operating	
Income	\$1,734,249.00
Expenses	\$1,843,025.00
Deficit	(108,777.00)

This deficit was offset by donations, contributions, Federations, and gifts, in the amount of \$240,806. The net loss was \$69.00. He further stated that there was a cut of approximately 33% by the Staff. To show the growth of the Home, he called attention to the fact that the Budget in 1966 was \$139,817 whereas the current budget shows \$2,361,527.

Ms. Judith Hyman gave the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

FOR ONE YEAR TERM:

Dr. Stephen Mackler

FOR THREE YEAR TERMS:

Ellis Berlin
Harris Clein
John H. Green
Kenneth Greene
Judith Hyman
Seymour Levin
Alvin E. Levine
Nathan Sutker
Stephen Sutker
A. E. Witten

There being no further nominations from the floor, the above slate was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Jacobs noted that the By-Laws provide for five appointees to the Board by the President. He

requested members to submit names to him for consideration.

Ms. Doris Dworsky, President of the North Carolina Association for Jewish Women, stated that various women's organizations had made contributions to the Home in the amount of \$2,297. and the Remembrance Fund had raised \$3,800.

Ms. Elizabeth Small, representing the Home Thrift Shop of Charlotte, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 which had been raised by them. She also requested contributions of merchandise for this project.

Rabbi Arnold Task of Greensboro, President of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis, read a list of residents who had passed away during the year, and offered a prayer in their memory.

He also dedicated the candelabra now in the Chapel, honoring Maymie and Harry Schaffer on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, as well as two Yahrzeit Lights honoring the memory of Lily C. Levy and Nathan J. Tureff.

Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Charlotte called Minnie and Nathan Sutker to the rostrum where he presented a plaque to them honoring them by their friends on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Dr. A. J. Tannenbaum then, with his usual poetic flair, introduced

the speaker of the day, Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, whose topic was "Growing Old in North Carolina, the Thrust of the State for the 80's."

Dr. Morrow stated that with the advances made in medical techniques, the population of the elderly had increased, and that North Carolina ranked 14th in the nation in the number of older citizens. She lauded the Blumenthal Home for recognizing the need to keep its Residents active and stimulated. She cited the need for services that would permit the active as well as the semi-active in their own communities as long as possible, and then included alternatives of degrees of services required. She stated that the Jewish people, through the Home, would serve as examples of ideal ways to care for the aging population. By recognizing the fact that older people can make valuable contri-

butions to society, there are many and varied ways these people can be made to feel wanted and needed and will make their later years ones of contentment and peace. Dr. Morrow concluded by stating "Governor Hunt has said over and over again, North Carolina needs each one of its citizens and we can all be a part of assuring that all citizens are given the freedom to participate."

Mr. J. Herman Leder and Mr. Nathan Sutker were presented plaques for their many years of service to the Home, as both were Charter Members of the Board of Governors.

Mrs. Ellen Berlin and Mrs. Miriam Brenner, Co-Chairmen of the Gift Shop at the Home, presented a check in the amount of \$2,000.

Dr. Ron Mukamal, President of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, was recognized.

Mr. Herman Blumenthal gave a brief history of the Home. The original idea of such a Home was

introduced by the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. Mr. I. D. Blumenthal recognized the need and joined with them and the NC Association of Jewish Men in this endeavor. He began the Grand Builders where only \$1,000 contributions were accepted. The original cost was \$135,000. It was purchased in 1960. In December of 1961 the corporation was founded. The first Residents entered the Home in October 1965. In 1973 work began on the second wing. The first floor was opened in December 1975. The second floor was opened in December 1978. The Grand Builders' Plaque commemorates the people who gave \$1,000 to facilitate the construction. All but 36 of the spaces are filled.

The group then adjourned to the main structure where Messrs. Leder and Sutker unveiled the Plaque.

Mrs. Max I. Miller, Secretary

What's Been Happening?



Rose Liebowitz (Greensboro) chats with members of the Greensboro Beth David Sisterhood. Guests were given a tour of the Home and joined the Residents for lunch on the seventh day of Chanukah.



Members of the Congregation Emanuel Hebrew School (Statesville) entertained Residents with a special program of music and song the 6th night of Chanukah!

Steve Goldschmidt leads children from Judea Reform (Durham) in an enthusiastically-received program on Sunday, Dec. 7. The group arrived at the Home in a Greyhound bus, bringing Chanukah cards and presents as well as music. We look forward to future visits!



Beth Gross (Charlotte), Alice Fruh (Greensboro), and Usher Zimmerman (Charlotte) were among those who appreciated the Judea Reform (Durham) performance.



The kindergarten class from Temple Emanuel (W-S) appeared as lights on the Menorah during the 2nd night of Chanukah. Residents and staff thoroughly enjoyed their visit!

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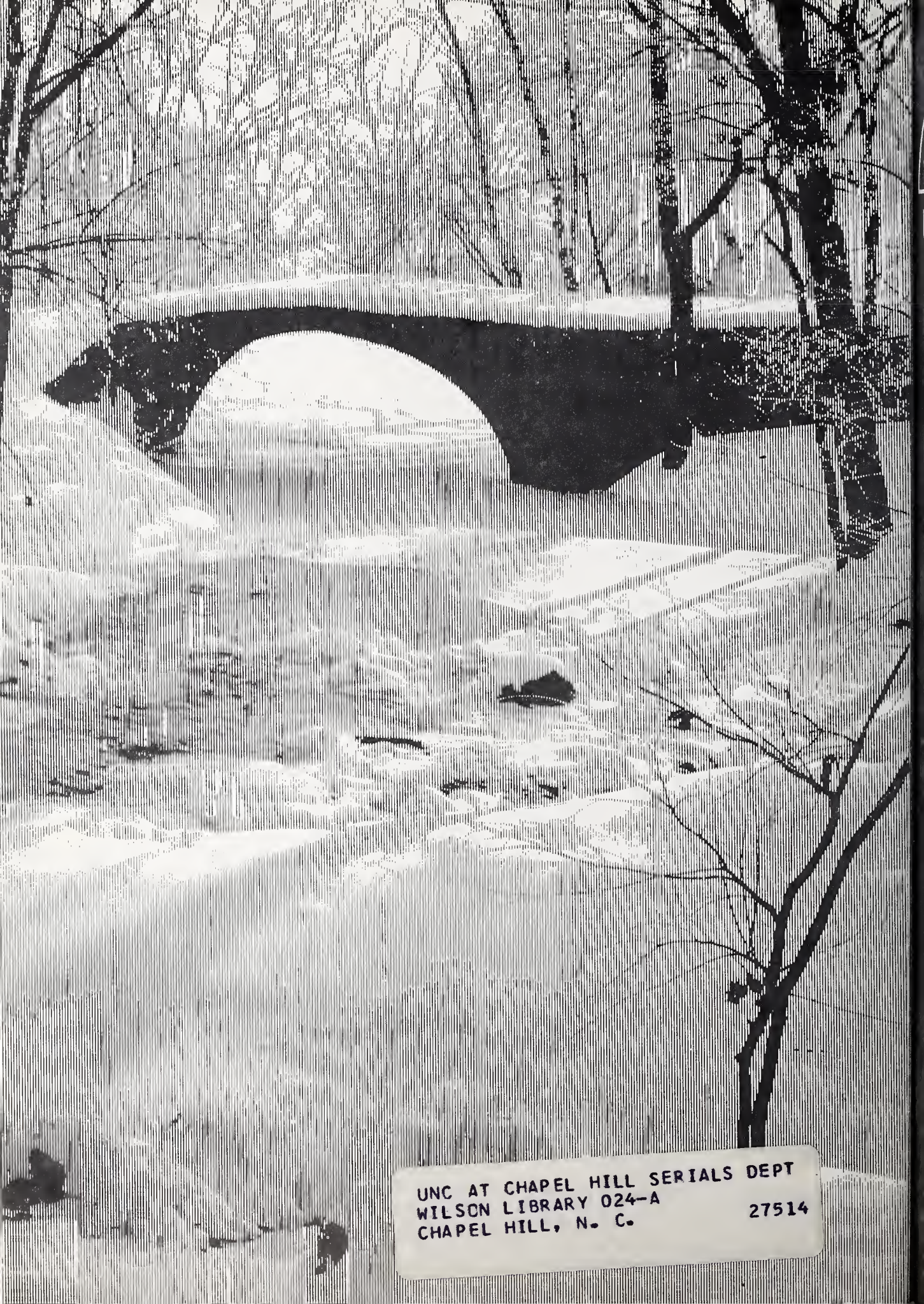
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PENINA MOISE 1797-1880

Editorial

"The world is a scene of changes; to be constant in nature were inconstancy."

Abraham Cowley 1617-67

When FUTURE SHOCK, Alvin Toffler's book, was published several years ago, I read it with serious intention of self protection. The forces of change were obviously gaining momentum, and I was determined not to suffer the kind of shock which had affected my parents and my grandparents, as industry and technology accelerated their pace in the first half of the twentieth century. I was aware of past changes, for I had read many old classics, studied some history, and had parents who talked a great deal, as I suppose most parents do, about the old days, to make me aware of improvements in our standard of living and education, as well as the deterioration of the quality of life, a paradox confusing to contemplate.

Let there be no doubt of my gratitude for all the joys in life. An optimistic disposition has enabled me to accentuate the positive most of the time. Having made conscientious attempts to be prepared for whatever the future might bring, as that future becomes the present, I am not in a state of shock; however, in honesty I must admit that my sense of security has been shaken.

By the time I had constructed my defense, its underlying foundation had disappeared. All which seemed to be permanent reality, ordinary daily routine, was gone. As surely as each day dawned, the milkman arrived every morning very early and delivered those dairy products which had been checked on the milk card the previous night. Marking that milk card was a regular procedure, like putting the cat into the basement and

locking the doors. The clink of milk bottles against each other as they were carried by the milkman woke me early each morning annoyingly, but it was a dependable annoyance.

Another certainty was the postman, who came twice every day except Saturday, when there was only one delivery in the morning. His job was esteemed, with benefits better than most, and during the Great Depression he was envied for his security, good salary, and paid vacations. A two cent stamp carried an ounce of first class mail, and there was never a hint it would not be ever thus.

I never knew anyone who quit a job, which was a cherished possession. Everyone worked in awe of his employer, who was as unreasonable as he chose to be. The standard joke was about the little man, who, having fallen down the elevator shaft, looked up meekly at his fellow employees peering down at him from above, and in quavering voice asked (in Swedish dialect), "Iss de Boss mad?" Dialect jokes were in style, not yet considered to be in bad taste.

Banks were Greek temples, manned by male tellers, who performed their computations with fountain pens filled with real ink. Recently I learned from a friend who had been a teller in the foreign department of a large bank that his very respectable job had paid twenty-five dollars a week with no compensation for frequently required overtime work. Although some banks had failed, the survivors appeared to be bulwarks of our society, large and formal. There was no dream of a friendly, neighborhood bank furnished like somebody's living-room, whose manager would be addressed by his first name, as he walked out of his office to greet us.

Street cars were a necessary and seemingly permanent evil, hot in summer, cold in winter, and noisy all the time. They arrived in two or threes or not at all, or sometimes passed without stopping, leaving me frustrated and weeping on a corner, deluged by rain or snow. My father told me he remembered horse-drawn street cars, followed by cable cars, but all I could remember were trolley cars powered by electricity, motorman up front and conductor on the rear platform. I thought they were forever, before I learned that forever is a long, long time.

Riders on the street cars who were lucky enough to be seated read two cent newspapers. It was impossible to imagine life without newspapers, our only source of news.

Time passes relentlessly, sweeping away all things good and bad. Having witnessed the passing of some extremely tragic events, we realize that change becomes acceptable and even welcome. We watch the mountains, which "have been set firm" giving way to bulldozers. Species are destroyed, nations die, and others are created. We are favored to live during the recreation of the State of Israel after the passage of almost two thousand years, a long time for humans to have waited.

The pendulum of change swings from one extreme to its opposite striking down whatever stands in its way. We might try running ahead of it.

Estelle Hoffman

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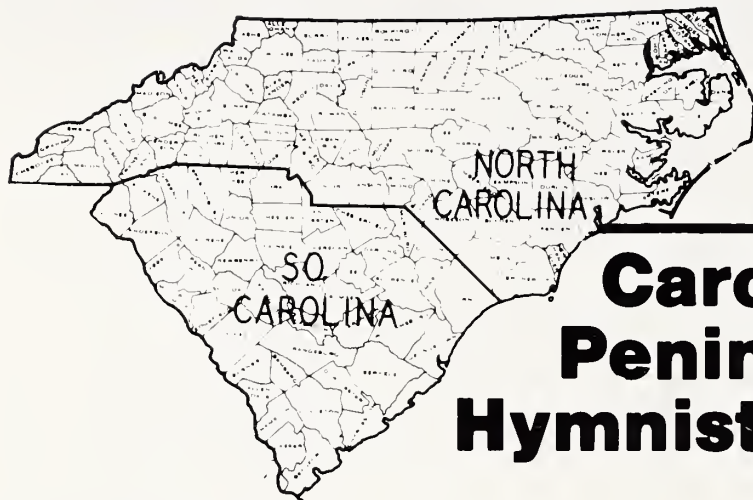
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Carolina Character: Penina Moise: Poet, Hymnist, Teacher

by Solomon Breibart

Over an ivy-covered grave in the quiet confines of Beth Elohim's Coming Street cemetery in Charleston, S. C. stands a simple tombstone with the words:

Died, September 13th, 1880

Penina Moise

Age 83 Years

Attached to the stone is a bronze plaque, added in 1964, with this tribute written by Thomas J. Tobias:

While poverty and pain,
Blindness and sorrow,
Were her lot in life,
The warmth and love,
The gaiety and courage,
The songs of faith,
Of this gifted, gentle Jewess
Keep her memory green
forever.

On the Hall of Fame plaque in Charleston's City Hall, maintained by the Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs, is the name of Penina Moise, which was placed there posthumously through the efforts of the Charleston Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, which in 1911 published a volume entitled *Secular and Religious Works of Penina Moise*.

This long-lasting admiration and affection for a modest and unusual Jewess stems from respect for a life which was dedicated to the comfort, education, entertainment, and inspiration of her fellow-man. One hundred years after

her death, she is still remembered.

Penina Moise was born in Charleston, S. C. in 1797, the sixth child of Abraham and Sarah Moise, who had fled from Santo Domingo in 1791 to escape the slave insurrection. The Moise family was fortunate to have landed in Charleston, for they found here a fair-sized French population and a thriving Jewish community, which was at that time the "largest, most cultured, and wealthiest Jewish community in America." Here the Jews did not live in a ghetto, "nor in the spirit of a ghetto." The closely knit family engaged actively in the commercial, religious, and social life of the community and earned a reputation for hard work, integrity, devotion to Judaism, and social consciousness.

When her father died in 1809, the twelve-year-old Penina, one of nine children, was forced to leave school because of the family's limited financial resources. Nevertheless, she continued her education by studying constantly on her own and reading voraciously, even by moonlight at times. She was influenced and encouraged by Isaac Harby, a brilliant intellect and a founder of the Reformed Society of Israelites—the first attempt at Reform Judaism in America. In 1828 she wrote a poem "On the Death of My Preceptor Isaac Harby, Esq.," in which she ex-

pressed her indebtedness to him:

Light of my youth! . . .

Wer't thou not he from whom
my spirit caught

Its proudest aspirations to
high thought?

Whose genial beam chased
intellectual gloom,

Whose mental radiance
cherished fancy's bloom,

Fired with ambitious hopes
my ardent soul,

And bent its energies to
truth's control?

In those early years she was close to her widowed mother, especially after her sister and brothers married and established their own households. She contributed to the family's finances by making fine lace and embroidery. When her mother became helpless invalid, Penina, who never married, became her constant companion and uncompensated nurse until her mother's death in 1842.

From an early age Penina showed a talent for writing. Her brother Jacob, who had moved to Augusta, Ga. especially encouraged her, even paying her for weekly letters. Her first known published work was the poem "France After the Banishment of Napoleon," which appeared in the Charleston newspaper in 1817. Thereafter, for sixty years, he published poems, short stories, and essays.

—over 350 of them, appeared in publications in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Washington, New Orleans, but most frequently in the *Charleston Courier*. She usually signed her poems "M. P."

In 1833 Penina Moise published in Charleston a collection of her poems entitled *Fancy's Sketch Book*. This work, containing sixty poems, is considered to be the first book of poetry by an American Jewess, possibly the first by an American Jew. The poems vary from the frivolous—"To a lottery Ticket," to the sentimental—"Lelia, or Love's Martyr," to the serious—"Female Patriotism in Poland," to the incidental—"On the Opening of a Theatre."

In 1845 Penina was invited to contribute to *The Charleston Book*, an anthology of compositions by the city's best writers edited by William Gilmore Simms, the outstanding South Carolina writer of that period. She submitted a poem—"Miriam," and a short story—"The Convict."

Penina Moise was profoundly affected by her religious heritage. A deeply religious person, she was closely associated with Congregation Beth Elohim all her life. When the 1794 synagogue burned down in the great fire of 1838, she wrote "A Poetic Homily on the Late Calamity." In words reminiscent of the prophets of old, she called upon "sage Daniels" to

Denounce their deities of
wood and stone,
False gods in fabrics may
be known;
Tell them that, when by
venal impulse stirred
Gold is from charity to
pomp transferred,
That precious vessel is no
less profaned
Than temple cups at tyrant's
orgies drained.

Two years later, when a stately new synagogue was erected to replace the old house of worship, she wrote the poem "On Beholding the New Synagogue." Elated,

she exclaimed:

Behold, O Mighty Architect,
What love for thee has
wrought;
This Fane arising from the
wrecked,
Beauty from ashes brought.
Then, in thoughtful humility, she said:
How shrink the noblest works
of man,
And all his boasted powers,
Before creation's glorious
plan
From satellite to flowers.
At the dedication of the temple,
one of Penina's hymns was sung. In it she invoked God's blessing:
Hear, O Supreme! our humble
invocation;
Our country, kindred, and the
stranger bless!
Bless, too, this sanctuary's
consecration;
Its hallowed purpose on our
hearts impress.

It is in the field of hymnology that Penina Moise is considered to have made her greatest contribution. When Beth Elohim installed an organ for regular services, the first in a synagogue in America, she contributed sixty of the seventy-four *Hymns Written for the Use of Congregation Beth Elohim*. Published by the congregation in 1842, this was probably the first American Jewish hymnal. By the time the second of four editions was published in 1856, revised and enlarged, it contained 190 hymns by her. For years many of them were used by other congregations, frequently without credit to their composer. Eleven of them were later included in the standard hymnal used by American Reform congregations.

These hymns rose from the depth of her being. They seek to uplift the mind; they proclaim her faith; they express belief in God's mercy through all events in every phase of life; they urge concern for the poor, the widow, the orphans, and the unfortunate ones in society. A Christian admirer de-

scribed the hymns as "beautiful and stately songs, reminding one in their rhythmic march of the religious verses of Cowper, Pope, and Addison, and other eighteenth century writers. . . ."

In 1842, Penina became the second superintendent of Beth Elohim's Sunday school, the second Jewish Sunday school in America. For several years she directed the school and wrote songs, poems, and recitations for it.

Whether for these efforts, for her hymns, or both, Beth Elohim's board of trustees offered her free seating for life and, because of her failing eyesight, her choice of seats. She refused with dignity, continuing to pay her seat assessment as long as she was able to go to the synagogue. When she became blind, she no longer attended services. On Yom Kippur, following a regular schedule, volunteer readers came to her humble home on Coming Street to read the service to her.

Some of the poetess' best works are those which cry out against the prejudice and injustice suffered by Jews. In one of her earliest poems, "To Persecuted Foreigners," she sounds a theme echoed by Emma Lazarus' "New Colossus" about sixty years later; She urges them "to come to the homes and bosoms of the free:"

If thou art of that oppressed
race
Whose name's a proverb and
whose lot's disgrace,
Brave the Atlantic—Hope's
broad anchor weigh;
A Western Sun will gild your
future day.

When the British House of Lords refused to extend to Jews in the British Isles the same constitutional rights recently granted to dissenters and Catholics, Penina expressed her outrage and astonishment in "The Rejection of the Jew Bill by the House of Lords:"

It cannot be—Britannia must
explode

That dark deformity from
Freedom's code.
It shall not be! with prescient
exultation
My joyous harp rings out
Emancipation!

When the Jews of Damascus
were subjected to enormous atrocities,
she denounced the persecutions
and scolded the nations
of the world for failure to intercede:

Ye delegates of nations! could
ye the suppliants scorn,
From whose inspired relics
revelation was born?

Say, was the jealousy of faith
too strong for feeling's flow
That ye the bright prerogative
of justice should forego?

She was distressed when America failed to intercede with the Pope to seek the release of the Jewish child Mortara, who had been abducted in Italy and raised as a Catholic. The poetess chided her country for failing to remonstrate against the injustice and bemoaned the fact that the classical heritage of ancient Greece had more influence than the songs of David and the Ten Commandments.

Penina's solicitude was not limited to her people and their problems. She was highly sensitive to the needs of all people. She wrote with sadness of Greece writhing like a "living Laocoön" in the grasp of "the Turkish serpent." She was moved by the tragic plight of the Irish during the famine of the 1840's and called upon her fellow bards "to harmonize to hush Hibernia's cry." In numerous poems she offered comfort to the bereaved, the widow, the orphan, and the afflicted. During the yellow fever epidemic of 1854, although already having much difficulty with her vision, she devoted long hours to nursing its victims and entertaining the convalescents with her poems and stories. She was readily available to those who were in sorrow and to rejoice

with them on happy occasions. Her friends of all creeds, particularly the young, shared with her the joys of secret love affairs, engagements, marriages and births and sought her blessing.

In the last twenty-five years of her life, Penina had become almost blind. This condition, aggravated by neuralgia and insomnia, was a handicap which limited her physical movements, but not her active mind. Returning to Charleston after the Civil War—she had moved to Sumter, S. C. in 1861 when Charleston came under bombardment by Federal forces—quite impoverished, she joined with her sister Rachel and Rachel's daughter Jacqueline to open a private school in the small house on Coming Street provided them by her brother Abraham. From her vast storehouse of knowledge, accumulated by years of extensive reading and intensive observation, she provided oral instruction and made the figures of literature come alive for her pupils. Respected for her learning, understanding, and wit, she "created a literary salon to which the best minds of Charleston flocked. Her Friday afternoons were a center of intellectual discourse." And, with the aid of Jacqueline as an amanuensis, she continued to compose verse almost to the end of her life in her 84th year.

She was, in the words of an admirer, "a Jewish poetess whose life most admirably illustrates the literary idea of the Old South in the person of intellectual, talented, and alas! sadly limited womanhood; a woman who for many years was the literary pivot of Hebrew Charleston, and whose influence extended far beyond the circle of her co-religionists."

A HYMN

by Penina Moise

My God! my God! to Thee I cling
In sorrow's trying hour;
Solace from Thee alone must

spring,
Blest and benignant Power!

I know there's mercy in the storm
That bows me to the dust,
It frees me from my worldly yoke
And wakens self-distrust.

I feel that faith her tower builds
On life's most dreary spot;
Her beam the couch of suffering
gilds,

And cheers the darkest lot.

The wounds that from Thy hand
devine,

In meekness we receive,

The spirit will at last refine,
And without blemish leave.

Boast not, O man! that thou art free
From salutary pain,
Which well-endured will prove to
thee

A glory and a gain.

FANCY AND FEELING

by Penina Moise

Oh! think not that Fancy, the slave
of my will,
E'er turns at its bidding to chord
of the heart;

With the touch of the past, they are
tremulous still,
And their plaintive vibrations
never depart.

But Fancy is free—and will range
her pleasure,
Wherever capricious variety
leads;

Disdaining the shell whose
monotonous measure,
like the moan of the sea-conch
murmured through weeds.

And oft in her rambles are
carollings heard,
Like sudden out-breakings of
infantile glee,

While the strings of the spirit
memory stirred,
Elicit such tears as the world
may not see.

The morgue* represents in
eccentric tableau,

The lights of the living, and
shades of the dead;

For music is there—a parterre, a
jets-d'eau—

And children will sport in its
hearse it is said.

Even thus amid melodies,
fountains and flowers,
The muse independent of feeling
will stray;
In the soul which the pall of
despondency covers,
Her offspring poetic will
carelessly play.
When wrong not the minstrel nor
think while she sings,
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For the Record

by Norman Olshansky
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Too often I have to remind people how history has a way of repeating itself. In relation to Jewish history, the fact is that we have been victims more often than the positive beneficiaries of these events.

With the rise of conservative evangelical Christian politics, we have observed events which threatened the traditional separation of Church and State nationally and especially in our own region. Bible distribution, school prayer, and a push for requiring that scientific creationism be taught in schools are but a few of the issues which are on the agenda of the Christian right. "Vote Christian" and Buy Christian" have been watch words of the movement.

I recently read a fascinating account of how two people from very different backgrounds and times stood up to those who would promote religious intolerance and would establish a State religion. These two American patriots established and maintained the basic religious freedoms we enjoy today in the United States.

A recently published book by Rabbi Samuel Sobel, who lives in our region, titled *The Intrepid Sailor*, presents in a concise and easily read biography the adult life of Commodore Uriah P. Levy. During the 18th and early 19th century, he fought for religious tolerance and was responsible for eliminating the practice of flogging in the U.S. Navy. He was a true patriot and was also responsible for saving from ruin Monticello, the Virginia home of Thomas Jefferson, whom he admired with great zeal. As you recall from your own American history lessons, it

was Thomas Jefferson who had placed on his epitaph his three greatest accomplishments, one of which was that he authored the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, which was the foundation for our First Amendment guarantees in the U.S. Constitution.

Despite what sometimes appeared to be overwhelming opposition, these two notable American patriots, one an Episcopalian and the other Jewish, were able to insure for generations to come guarantees of religious equality.

Rabi Sobel's book dramatically details how these two individuals stood fast in their convictions and survived public criticism.

We can today show our appreciation to these two American patriots by keeping alive their dedication to religious freedom. We must continue to challenge those who would break down the "wall of separation" of Church and State in our nation.

By the example of Levy and Jefferson, even with the threat of public criticism, we must stand both as Americans and uniquely as Jews in opposition to those who would destroy our first amendment guarantees.

Let us hope that in this case, history, such as exemplified by Uriah P. Levy and Thomas Jefferson, will be repeated through the positive actions of many individuals in the cause of maintaining religious freedom.

ASK THE RABBI

A local wag is said to have addressed an inquiry to the Chief Rabbi in Jerusalem: If five schizophrenics get together, can they be counted as a full minyan?

Carl Alpert

Kibbitzing-Community News



Kindergarten students share Chanukah latkes with Kiddie Corner Day Care children. Photo by Mark Shapiro.



Chanukah decorations painted on front school window by Academy students. Photo by Mark Shapiro.

N.C. HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE,

by Rose Massachi

Teachers and children alike were busy before winter recess; especially with activities concerning Chanukah.

Carol Pollack, a teacher at the Academy, explained that several parents of the students donated their time and talents to make the holiday celebration filled with fun for the kindergarten class.

Mrs. Charlene Muller, whose daughter is in the kindergarten, came the first day of Chanukah and made three cookies for each child, shaped as a menorah, a dreidel, and a Star of David. She also brought icing for the children

to paint on their own cookies with paint brushes.

In the middle of the holiday, the Hebrew Academy invited Kiddie Corner, a day care center in Charlotte, to join them for a latke party. Fourteen children and two teachers came, and Mrs. Phyllis Schwartz, also a parent whose son is in kindergarten, made latkes for everyone. It was a great experience for all. When the day care children, who had never heard of Chanukah before that day, climbed into their bus and sang out, "Hurrah for Judah Macabee!", Carol Pollack knew it was all worth it.

Shoshana Ravivi, a Hebrew teacher at the Academy, had an in-depth discussion with the 5th and 6th graders regarding how they felt as Jews about Christmas, both aesthetically and about the religious aspects of Christmas.

Raphael Panetz, director of the Academy, reported the Judaica studies have recently included reading about Jewish heroes throughout the ages for the 5th and 6th graders, as well as the Rabbinic Midrash. The third and fourth graders have been studying the Hebrew text in the Bible.

Nancy Goodman pointed out that her third thru sixth graders have enjoyed a unit on personal health and nutrition. Dr. Joseph Steiner, a Charlotte dentist and Academy parent, volunteered to explain to the students the importance of dental hygiene.

The third and fourth graders' language arts class recently studied advertising and learned how language can be used to influence the consumer. They also had a chance to write their own ads.

The first and second graders, according to Lani Levine, have been using records to learn math

facts, and it has been a helpful media. They have also been making geometric figures of futuristic cities, which has been a very creative experience.

The mid-year was met with great deal of energy, and a well-deserved vacation was earned by all.

TO BE HONORED BY TEMPLE ISRAEL COUPLES CLUB

by Muriel Levitt

Because of their devotion and dedicated service, the Temple Israel Couples Club will honor its Presidents Lee and Larry Levitt with a Roast.

The time is Saturday evening, February 14th and the place is the Temple Israel Social Hall. A full evening of food, drink, and entertainment has been planned and everyone is invited to attend.

From 7:30 to 8:30 festivities will begin with a champagne hour and accompanying noshes. A full course kosher dinner will then be served.

A roster of speakers will roast and toast the Levys and much laughter is guaranteed. Presiding over the fun will be that great story teller and humorist, Ave Waldman. Many outstanding personalities of the community will speak.

The cost for the entire evening is Chai or \$18.00 per couple for paid-up Couples Club members. Non-members are also welcome at the cost of \$23.00 per couple.

To insure reservations call now Lottie and Ed Mottsmann at 366-7098 or Roseline and Douglas Mann at 366-4703 will be happy to give you any information you desire.



Stephanie Rauch
Photo by Lynn McNeill

MACCABIAH GAMES 1981

by Harry Swimmer

The 1981 Games will be the largest Maccabiah in Israel's fifty year history—both in the number of sport competitions and the number of athletes who will compete. Over 3000 athletes from 35 countries will compete in the 31 Maccabiah sports: badminton, basketball, clay pigeons, cricket, diving, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, handball, judo, karate, lawn bowls, rowing, rugby, sailing, shooting, soccer, mini-soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track & field, volleyball, water polo, weightlifting, wrestling, bridge, and chess. The United States will field a team in most of these sports and will be about 350 strong.

From North Carolina the applicants include: Samuel Goldfarb, Charlotte, basketball; Steven Goldberg, Charlotte, soccer; Andrew Gordon, Charlotte, soccer; Donna Lee Gutterman, Greensboro, volleyball; Stephen Bachmann, Chapel Hill, fencing; Steven Garfinkel, Greensboro, wrestling; Arthur Lavitt, Hickory, golf; Howard Lavitt, Hickory basketball; Lane Ostrow, Charlotte, soccer; Stephanie Rauch, Gastonia, tennis and basketball; and Hank Steinberg, Chapel Hill, table ten-

nis.

In an effort to field the strongest team possible from North Carolina, please let us know if you know of any Jewish athletes who may be interested in trying out for the United States team. Contact Harry Swimmer, North Carolina's chairman, 725 Providence Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28207, telephone 704 333-6694 or Bernard Gutterman, Co-chairman, 3701 Brown Bark Drive, Greensboro, N. C. 27410, 919 292-7713.

There will be "missions" to Israel for the games July 6-16 and if anyone would like information regarding the games or would like to help support the athletes, contact the above.

Submitted by Bea Katz

RENEWING OUR DAYS

Are We Still "the People of the Book?"

Wednesday morning. A woman—a very prominent member of the congregation—comes into the office with a book under her arm. The rabbi stops his dictation to greet her and they engage in pleasantries for a few moments. Finally, the congregant comes to the point as to why she has come in that morning.

Congregant: "Rabbi, we were doing some cleaning at home and came across this book. Do you have it? If you already do, perhaps the library might use it. I don't really think my husband or I will need it."

With this, she takes the book from under her arm so that the title is revealed. Against the black leather cover, the bold, gold letters reveal themselves: **THE TORAH**.

His mouth open, the rabbi stammers with incredulity that has staggered him.

Rabbi: "You . . . surely you are joking! Surely you don't mean what you are saying! That you don't need a copy of the Torah in your home! Every Jew should have this

book!"

She took the book back with a look of annoyance and shortly left the office thereafter. Realizing he might have embarrassed her by exposing her ignorance, he feels a tinge of regret. But after some reflection the regret turns to "righteous" anger when he ponders what had really taken place: Here was a member of his congregation—prominent, active, concerned for the synagogue, "committed"—who nevertheless was declaring that the Torah was really superfluous in her and her family's life. It was not for her; she did not need it. And the irony that this has happened on the day after Simchat Torah (the **Rejoicing** of the Torah) only puts the tragedy in sharper relief.

I was the rabbi. The story is true.

Since this episode happened several years ago, I have been remembering it every year when Jewish Book Month rolls around—every year when we are adjured to read Jewish books because, after all, we are "the People of the Book"; And I ask myself: Are we **really** still "the People of the Book" when our people (surely this woman is not alone in her feelings) seem to want to rid themselves of their spiritual legacy, echoing Herbert Tarr's observation in *So Help Me, God!* that Jews didn't give the world the idea of one God, as much as they wanted to get rid of it? Are we still the "People of the Book", when that Book is so alien

As I remember that incident and continue to try to make sense of it (my incredulity has not subsided), I see the tragedy as twofold. Firstly, it is a tragedy that with our traditional penchant for education, we have distorted the meaning of that word. We have been seduced into believing that "education" means acquiring skills in order to acquire a good (read "high-paying") job. We have forgotten that the Jewish attitude toward learning aims at developing the whole person, not just his job skills. Thus it is no wonder that our

children see no use in Hebrew or religious school; what advantage could these have in assisting them in their applying to law or medical schools? Of what advantage will **Talmud Torah** (learning) be to them in their quest for "success"?

The second part of the tragedy is this: many of us, like the congregant, have confused commitment to the synagogue **as an institution** with commitment to Judaism as a religion. Certainly, the synagogue as a forum for the perpetuation of Jewish values must be supported and strengthened. But when the embodiment of those values is rejected almost out-of-hand, then, it seems to me, we find ourselves in a gross contradiction of terms, and thus, our labor is futile. We need Jews committed to the synagogue, but that commitment must be founded on the time-tested tenets of our faith, one of which is learning. Our Sages taught most insightfully: "Without Torah, one cannot truly be committed."

As Jewish Book Month begins, I invite all of you to participate and partake of the many opportunities to learn that will begin this month. I invite you to participate in the book reviews that members of the congregation will be offering on Friday night after services. I invite you to join in on the mini-courses offered by our Adult Education committee (the details of which are given elsewhere in this bulletin). But most of all, I invite you and urge you to take the initiative and strengthen your ties with your heritage by reading Jewish books. And there is no better book to begin with than the Torah, the Bible. Should you have any questions about an obscure passage you come across, I would be most happy to discuss it with you.

Rabbi Kozberg
Rabbi of Temple Israel
Roanoke, VA

STATESVILLE

Submitted by Bea Katz

Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey D. Katz of Chapel Hill announce the birth of a son, Brian Paul, on November 26, 1980. Dr. Katz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Katz of Statesville. He is Chief Fellow in Cardiology at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. Mrs. Jeffrey Katz is Laurie North Katz, formerly of Broomall, Pa. She is a nurse, and has worked in the Heart Clinic of the same Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Louis Gordon, son of Toby and Kalman Gordon, is President of Spanish Club I. He is on the Honor Roll at Statesville High School. Also on the Honor Roll are Lauri Ram and Sammy Winthrop. On the Honor Roll at D. Matt Thompson Junior High is Russell Winthrop.

Condolences to Howard Adler on the loss of his mother, Sara Adler, who resided at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. She would have been 91 in January.

Elsewhere in this issue is a questionnaire compiled by Rabbi Shalom Lewis of Atlanta, entitled "Hellenism Wins the Final Round". Rabbi Lewis wonders if we can declare, with honest conscience, that Hellenism was thoroughly routed from the community of Israel, or if the culture of the defeated Greeks was finally triumphant. Test yourself, and let us know your score.

CORRECTION

In our January, 1981 issue of the **TIMES-OUTLOOK**, David Andrew Geen's name was given as Green. Our apologies.

TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS

by Estelle Hoffman

Dr. John Wrigley of UNCC History Department spoke on January 18 at the third session of the Adult Education Lecture Series on Jew-

ish History. His topic was **THE MIDDLE AGES**.

At Friday Evening Services January 30, Temple Israel paid tribute to Helen Friedman, a dedicated member of Temple and community for many years. Her story was recently told in the Charlotte Observer by Ina Hughes.

On Saturday evening, February 7, there will be a **SCHUL-IN** at Temple Israel, a novel event, an evening to enjoy. There will be Havdallah Service, dinner, games, painting, Israeli songs and dances, a lecture, story telling, refreshments, with participation by all. For reservations call Lois Smith at 365-1079 or Shelly Bregman at 658-0979.

Sisterhood's Art Auction on February 1st was a great success. It has become an annual event at Temple Israel. **BONDERAMA** continues until June. Each week one \$50 U.S. Savings Bond is raffled until the culmination dinner dance at which several Israel Bonds and U.S. Savings Bonds will be raffled in values from \$50 to \$900. Chances are sold for \$25, and winners' tickets are returned and may be drawn again. To participate send check to Barbara Levitt, 5019 Carmel Park Drive, Charlotte 28211.

Sisterhood has invited all Senior Citizens to a Dinner at Temple Israel on Friday evening February 6. Transportation will be arranged if needed.

On Saturday Evening, February 14th, Temple Israel Couples Club is going to "Roast" two members President of the Couples Club Larry and Lee Levy, at a gala dinner. For information call Muriel Levitt at 364-0563.

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

Harry Lerner of Charlotte has been elected to the Board of the Council of Jewish Federations. Representatives from more than 100 communities were elected to the Board of Directors at its 49th General Assembly meeting in Detroit. The Council is the association of 200 Federations, Welfare Funds, and Community Councils which serve nearly 800 communities and embrace over 95% of the Jewish population of the United States and Canada. It was established in 1932.

WALTER J. KLEIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MID-ATLANTIC COUNCIL

Walter J. Klein was elected President of the Mid-Atlantic

Council, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at Council ceremonies in Ocean City, Maryland, on December 13. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC President and leader of all American Jewish organizations, installed Mr. Klein. He was assisted by Rabbi Harold Krantzler of Temple Beth El, Charlotte, North Carolina, where Walterter Klein is a past president. UAHC is the lay-led organization that oversees the Reform Jewish movement, with more than 700 congregations, principally in the United States.

Walter Klein will head operations from Ohio east to Delaware and south to North Carolina. He is also a member of the UAHC national board, executive committee member of the board of overseers of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and national board member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

His first duty will be activating a new \$3,000,000 camp and conference center in the Virginia mountains to serve children and adults in his region.

DR. SAMUEL NEWMAN DIES AT AGE 90

Dr. Samuel Newman, dean of the Danville, Virginia, medical community, died on December 1 at the age of 90. He was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1890 and came to the United States in 1909. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1915 and received his MD in 1917 from the University of Virginia.

He practiced at children's clinics at the Universities of Vienna, Berlin, and Paris before practicing pediatrics in Danville, starting in 1923. A year later he began a children's clinic in Martinsville. Dr. Newman was repeatedly honored for his humanitarianism by colleagues and universities. A Zionist, he was honored in 1954 by the State of Israel. In 1954 Dr. Newman received the honorary Doctor of Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institute of Religion. Also that year the Junior Wednesday Club changed the name of its Children's Clinic to the Samuel Newman Children's Clinic "in commemoration of his noble service to humanity." He was recognized by American religious organizations for promotion of brotherhood, was cited for 40 years of service to the Public Health Child Care clinic in Danville, was honored by United Jewish Appeal in 1964 for outstanding leadership. In 1967 the Danville Pittsylvan Academy of Medicine made him a life member. In 1968 the Danville Section of the National Council of Negro Women honored him for his work in brotherhood. In 1970 the National Council of Catholic Men recognized him with appreciation.

for his support. He received Kiwanis International's Legion of Honor award in 1971 and named Citizen of the Year in 1974 by the Danville Kiwanis Club. In 1978 he was honored by the Commonwealth of Virginia for 50 years of service to local clinics.

In May of 1980 he received the University of Virginia Medical Alumni Association's Thomas Jefferson award. Dr. Newman has contributed to the Times Outlook. Surviving Dr. Newman are his wife, Ide Greenberg Newman; daughters, Mrs. Naomi Macht of Hagerstown, Md., and Mrs. Ruth Siegel of Brooklyn, N. Y.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His devoted niece, Mrs. Molly Friedman, noted, "He will be greatly missed. He had a wonderful full life."

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TEMPLE BETH OR-STUDENT BODY BECOME FRIENDS OF RESIDENTS OF THE HOME

"Wouldn't it be nice", I was thinking to myself during the summer of 1979, "wouldn't it be wonderful if our students (the students of Temple Beth OR Religious School) could establish a relationship with the residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home?" But how? "Clemmons is over two hours away, and gas is expensive".

The "ID" in me was raising its ugly head. "It's important not only to teach the meaning of tzedakah, but to act . . . compassion, helping our own" the still little voice, my SUPER-EGO KEPT URGING.

In a city with a large Jewish population you don't worry about these mechanics. A variety of Jewish homes are at your fingertips. You just call and ask: "When could our students please visit? Would a speaker be available for a follow-up visit?" It is just that easy!

Slowly an idea began to take shape. Why can't the students adopt a grandparent or grandparents? That was suggested to the Sisterhood several years ago. We were asked to send birthday gifts, holiday greetings, letters, etc., to one specific person.

The president of our student body, a ninth grader, liked the idea of the school's adopting a grandparent. She presented it to the student body during an assembly. There were a lot of general questions: What is a home for older people? Why was there a need for one in the first place?

That was exactly what I wanted to hear. It took only a brief call to Doris Dworsky, President of the N.C. Association of Jewish Women. "Please come and talk to our students about the Blumenthal Jewish Home". The answer was just as brief: "Tell me when, and I'll be there".

Animated and interesting, her talk held the attention of the assembly. The student body was excited! It happened that the annual meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home was to take place at the Home on Oct. 28, and the NCAJW chartered a bus to Clemmons. Five of our eighth and ninth graders joined the bus group so that they could speak to the social worker about the "adoption". Everything seemed to be running better than we could hope for. Alas, the pink bubble broke the following day when the students and I met. "We can't adopt anyone for just a school year—what would happen to them in May, when school is over? . . . If we invite them here, there are steps . . . They look so sad and don't talk to you" . . .

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A sense of failure and defeat lingered in the room after the emotional outburst. They left so eager and hopeful, and now they looked so defeated! The irony was that it wasn't our young students who failed, but it was I, the teacher, who failed to prepare them better as to what to expect. It came to me at that moment that their own grandparents, surrounded by love and attention of family, looked happy and content. These young people were never exposed to the loneliness and sadness of the elderly! I apologized for proposing a project without thorough research—especially a talk with the social worker, and although a frank and positive discussion followed, they left disheartened.

As for me, I worried about our students!! There is only one good aspect to this business of worrying—the more you worry, the more you think about your problems, and sooner or later you stumble on a solution.

The student council, student body, and the teaching staff agreed unanimously that each month a class from our religious school would send some type of creative art work, interesting project, letters, or gift to the residents in the Home. And so it began: A Shabbat flannel wall hanging made by third graders; a tree planted in honor of the residents and staff; notes from the fifth graders; a special project for the Independence Day of Israel from the fourth graders, etc.

It is hard to describe the joy and pride when the first "thank you" letter arrived from Mr. Mendlowitz. The third graders read it aloud in the assembly and suddenly there was spontaneous applause. We are sharing one of his letters with you so you can enjoy his tact, wisdom, and love for young people. There was a lot of interest in some classes about the senior citizens—What is our responsibility? How can we help?

What can we do?

A new year is upon us . . . we have plans . . . we hope to foster and cultivate our relationship somehow. Our young people will learn by doing, the responsibility we have toward each other.

by Giselle Abrahamson
Principal Beth-OR
Sunday School Program
Raleigh, N. C.

KINSTON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Mrs. Sol Schechter

Our new Rabbi, Edward Miskin, was officially installed by Dr. Paul Steinberg, Dean of the Hebrew Union College in New York. It was a very impressive ceremony with a beautiful oneg shabbat following the services. Mrs. David Brody, Mrs. Max Chused, Mrs. Paul Chused and Mrs. Irving Ertis were hostesses for the occasion. We are so pleased that New Bern and Jacksonville are also taking advantage of his services.

Our Shalom BBYO chapter won several awards at the Winter Cultural in Charlotte.

Art Originality—1st Prize to Lynn Lieberman

Scrapbook—1st Prize and Most Spirit Award for Chapter

Photography—2nd Prize to Steven Kanter

Mrs. Gerald Crane is the advisor for this group. We are certain that it is due to her leadership that this group has always made an excellent showing at every competitive event.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Irving Ertis at the untimely passing of her husband, Irving; to Mrs. Sidney Kanter at the recent death of her brother, Sam Bloom; and to Morris Foxman on the loss of his brother, Dr. Ben Foxman. Dr. Foxman had been a resident of the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Camnitz at the birth of their grandson, Will Martin Camnitz. Will's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Paul Camnitz of Greenville.

The members of our Sunday school and their parents were treated to a "latke" lunch on Hanukkah at the Temple. Mrs. Michael Page was in charge.

LUBAVITCH COMES TO NORTH CAROLINA

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

The face of Jewish education in many parts of the world has undergone a veritable rejuvenation since Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch, the educational section of the Lubavitch movement began its activities in 1942.

From the beginning, its aim has been to promote Jewish education among the younger generation, regardless of their background. It strove that the education should be in the spirit of authentic Torah true Judaism. The organization wanted to accomplish this monumental task that the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, leader of this great movement, set out to do. His goal was to improve the existing Jewish educational institutions and to create new ones. These institutions would establish contact with the Jewish youth unoriented to the basic knowledge of their heritage. They would provide a multilingual library of textbooks and educational literature for the school and home. This would help to promote religious observance as a daily experience.

The Merkos quickly grew to a highly departmentalized organization. It was a progressive and dynamic force in the world of Jewish education.

Since the Rebbe Shlith's leadership, new dimensions have been added to the organization by its expansion of its service to Jewish communities around the globe.

Through members of the Lubavitch "Peace Corps", Lubavitch has opened regional offices in more than thirty states and dozens of countries.

The Rebbe, through his famous mitzvah tanks, has succeeded in reaching almost every Jew, illuminating the environment with the Torah lights.

North Carolina has been no exception to this world wide campaign. This fall, North Carolina prides itself with a new Lubavitch office in Charlotte, the largest city in the Carolinas. It will serve as a regional center for its activities in the Carolinas. This program will include educational programs with school children, adult education, Mitzva campaign, visiting smaller communities, student campuses, and of course the people of the Blumenthal Home.

Lubavitch will try to cover as many cities as possible and to bring along traditional warmth which is accompanied with the observance of Mitzvot. Their concern is to open minds to Judaism in order to observe and understand the meaning of Yiddishkeit. They want to relate to everyone on their level to inspire and encourage and to ultimately bring the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days.

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elections and new club selections. A total record of sixteen students from grades 1-6 were running for three offices. Interesting and colorful posters filled the walls of the school and campaign speeches rang loud and clear. Our new student council officers, the winners out of a whole group of "winners" were **Joel Adelman**, president; **Simone Obadiah**, vice-president, and **Susie Hyman**, secretary/treasurer. The class representatives are Rebecca Gould, 1st grade; Elaine Kabat, 2nd grade; Naama Ende, 3rd grade; Michael Kaplan, 4th grade; Lisa Adelman, 5th grade; Debbie Milgrim, 6th grade. A truly super student council.

Our activity clubs are busy working on a common theme—American History. This session the clubs include an American Books and Writing club, American song and dance club, Handicraft club; American maps and landmarks, Drama and the ever popular cooking club. The club participants are engaged in exciting activities which will culminate in a program presentation to the parents at the February CPTA meeting.

An eventful visit took place on January 12th, when the Director, Dr. Panetz and several board members of the North Carolina Hebrew Academy at Charlotte visited us for an exciting shar-in day. We hope this will be the beginning of many more joint-

varied activities.

On January 20th we held our traditional Tu B'shvat Seder. We sampled fruit and nuts of the Shiv'ah Minim, sang songs and danced. The entire day was spent re-dedicating ourselves, as God's helpers, to the preservation and maintenance of our ecology, the world around us. As a concrete act of your commitment, we planted daffodils to brighten the front of our synagogue in the spring. A great time of learning, work and joy was had by all.

To round out the month of January and begin the month of February, our choir appeared at the Greensboro Jewish Federation dinner. They skillfully led those assembled in Hatikvah, the Star Spangled Banner and Birkat Hamazon. We were very proud of our singers: Simone Obadiah, Debbie Milgrim, Debbie Shaffir, Allison Cook, Michal Cohen, Alan and Jeremy Baggish, Andrew Mackler, and Scott Strasser. We look forward to many other performances.

B'NAI SHALOM SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL

by Ronnie Kutchei

B'nai Shalom Day School is always exciting as we move through our experiences. January 5th brought bright shiny faces as students were glad to be back in school and get down to serious business—the business of school



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N.C. Association of Jewish Women

ANNUAL MEETING TO CELEBRATE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women will celebrate sixty years of activity and service to the state and various communities by North Carolina's Jewish women. Scheduled for April 12, at Raleigh's new Mission Valley Inn, the meeting is to be shared by the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men and promises to be a gala affair. At 9:30 a.m., members can enjoy coffee and Danish before attending a business meeting. NCAJW's agenda will include a discussion on the progress of the proposed program of extending Outreach Services to the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area and reports on actions taken by the General Assembly regarding NCAJW's priorities in social legislation. Committee chairmen will also report on workshops sponsored by the American Freedoms Association and the North Carolina Council on Women's Organizations. A twelve-o'clock "warm-up" with wine and good friends will precede the luncheon, which starts at 1 p.m.

Highlighting the luncheon program will be an engaging, nationally known speaker, whose name will be announced in the next edition of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*. Also during the luncheon, Ms. Sally Wade, Information and Resource Coordinator for the Governor's office, will present the Second Annual Human Services Awards given in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs. Sally's vivacity, love for her fellowman, and dedication to the recognition of community leaders have made her a well-known personality throughout our state. Sally was instrumental in setting up

ANNOUNCEMENT THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN SERVICES AWARDS

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JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS ARE URGED TO NOMINATE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR THESE AWARDS. THE NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE AWARDS COMMITTEE **NOT LATER THAN MARCH 10, 1981**. MAIL YOUR NOMINATIONS TO:

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EACH NOMINATION SHOULD INCLUDE A **SHORT** STATEMENT AS TO WHY THE INDIVIDUAL WAS NOMINATED, AS WELL AS A **BRIEF** BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE NOMINATING ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE INCLUDED. FINAL SELECTIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE AWARDS COMMITTEES AND AWARD WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.

our "Jewish Hall of Fame" with Governor Hunt. Come and share the *naches*, and be a proud well wisher to those Jewish community leaders who have volunteered their time and effort to meet the needs of people throughout the state. (Nominations for these awards will be open until March 10; see the accompanying announcement.) Other honors, in the form of lifetime memberships, will be

bestowed upon Fannie Heilig, Minnie Sutker, Fannye Neiman, and Irene Miller. These ladies have been members of NCAJW for fifty of the organization's sixty years. All are independent, "liberated" women of valor who deserve our recognition and thanks for their many contributions to the quality of Jewish life in North Carolina. (Anyone else who is a fifty-year member—or knows others who

are—should notify Doris Dworsky, 3962-A Tara Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.) For the lighter side of the luncheon program, talented Selma Schoen and friends will be on hand to delight us with music and comedy. The Association is packing a great deal of education, entertainment, and caring into a rapidly moving program, so be sure to reserve Sunday, April 12, 1981, for a stimulating day, a gourmet meal, and a reunion with NCAJW and NCAJM members from all over the state. (Anyone wishing to arrive in Raleigh Saturday evening can arrange for motel accommodations by writing the Mission Valley Inn, Avent Ferry Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or by calling (919) 828-3173.) The annual meeting will be one to remember!

★WANTED★

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of promising leaders (including oneself) to fill the position of vice-president and secretary of NCAJW from 1981 through 1983 should contact me as soon as possible. Rather than experience, the primary qualifications are dedication, concern, and a willingness to promote the objectives to which NCAJW has dedicated itself for sixty years. The rewards are endless; the liabilities, few.

—Doris Dworsky, President

N.C. Association of Jewish Men



Photo by Dan Sears

CIRCUIT-RIDING RABBI HELPS SCATTERED FLOCK KEEP FAITH

Survival of the Jewish faith is an issue that tests Rabbi Reuben Kesner's conscience and strength.

Kesner has, and needs, a lot of strength.

As Southeastern North Carolina's circuit-riding rabbi,

Kesner travels each week to five different towns where he deals with the joys and pains of the southern Jews living there.

"It's a challenge, but I like a challenge," Kesner says.

"The greatest role I have in Judaism is to keep the people even in the hinterlands interested in the religion. I want the faith to survive—perhaps that's selfish and

narrow," he said.

That job is a lot tougher where Jews are only a minority in the Bible belt of North Carolina. For the past 17 years, Kesner has wrestled with the differences between reality and his wishes for Judaism in the South, he said.

For example, Kesner said he frowns on intermarriage and prejudice against Jews, but he doesn't always have his way.

"I want all my Jewish kids to marry Jewish but who else are they going to meet? They're so assimilated here and grow up together. I can't say don't date anyone who's not Jewish, but I ask them to wait till college for serious dating where they have a chance to meet more who are Jewish," he said.

"It's a dilemma and a heartache I have, but I try to understand their feelings, too."

Kesner said he has no "bag of answers" for tough situations like intermarriage, but one key to helping is to look at the person with a problem as an individual.

"Prejudice and meeting people provide some deep insights about human beings, and tells me a little about myself," he added. "I sometimes can't handle people who hate their fellow men because of prejudice and I wouldn't want to say hello to Bailey Smith, the man who said God doesn't hear the prayers of Jews. But he needs help and I know that. I should overcome that."

Although Kesner is in his mid-fifties, ("Why, I'm really only 39," he says, grinning.) Kesner said dealing with youth is his forte and religious education is his goal. But that too, is sometimes sacrificed. "My greatest emphasis as a rabbi is on the education of my children and my most special moments are those with a child," Kesner said.

"But on a one-to-one basis, I don't have enough time to teach them everything I want. In a different town each day, I'm almost teaching a course called 'Concise and brief Judaism', which I don't

like."

Although his most special moments are with his students, Kesner said his most memorable event involved an old man.

"A very old, sick man came up to me during our last high holidays and said he wanted to participate. It could be his last time to do so, but he couldn't see. I didn't realize that until he started reading and didn't say the words in their exact order.

"I realized he was reciting from memory, not from sight, so I joined in, softly. We chanted for 10 minutes, together, he one step behind me. Without explanation the congregation figured it out. They understood his desire to participate. That was one of the holiest moments of my life. It was just a fine moment," he remembered.

Since Kesner came to Whiteville in July 1964, he has made his name known throughout the community. He writes weekly local newspaper columns, yearly travelogues and has crusaded for such issues as drug rehabilitation, the prison system and, now epilepsy.

When he came for an interview, he was wary of actually living in Southeastern North Carolina and taking on such a time-consuming responsibility. It was his "smart thinking" that cornered him into the job, though.

"At the time, I wasn't interested at all in staying here. I thought, what do people do here? Where do they go for entertainment? I decided not to take the job if offered, but in order not to hurt their feelings I came up with a plan.

"Since I knew they wouldn't be able to tell me the actual day of my interview anyway, I told them it was today or nothing. I expected just polite rejection then, but, they immediately called a special session and offered me the job. I figured I had them but they actually had me," he said.

Although Kesner has learned to love Whiteville, where he lives with his sister in a home full of books, dolls and religious items, his entertainment and intellectual quota is largely satisfied when he travels around the world each summer.

"I go every summer somewhere else," Kesner said, his eyes lighting up as he mentioned such places as Sicily, Israel and South America and such people as Eleanor Roosevelt and Ben Gurion.

"To be worldly wise and to be a person of the '80s, we have to understand and learn to tolerate other people's beliefs. That's the purpose of my travels—to see how others live."

At home, Kesner depends on books for mental stimulation and religious philosophies, he said.

"A rabbi lost in the wilderness not with other rabbis who can exchange ideas, so I read, write and formulate philosophy and prepare works," he said.

"I always think I'm making history. Each day I want that part of history to be more and more fascinating," he said.

(From the Sunday Star News, December 14, 1980).

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Book Reviews

by Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman

THE TALMUD FOR TODAY, edited and translated by Rabbi Alexander Feinsilver. St. Martin's Press, New York. 296 pp. \$14.95.

There is much wisdom in the *Talmud*. The author has a revealing insight into the world of the sages, their beliefs, their values, their hopes and dreams. This will be a welcome volume to be read with pleasure and profit by anyone wishing to know more about this subject. Our feminine readers will like especially the chapter on the family, marriage, how to choose a wife, and the varying assessments of women.

Some chapter headings are "God and His Way", which deals with the nature of God; "Love of fellowman", dealing with hospitality, charity and deeds of loving kindness; "Care of the body", which includes hygiene, diet, and health; "The Family", including marriage, raising children, and when a spouse dies; "The End of Life", on Divine judgment, death, reward and punishment; "The Future Life", dealing with the soul and resurrection, the world to come and the Messiah.

The *Talmud* is a massive work, consisting of 63 tractates written during the first five centuries of the Common Era. It is a compendium of commentary on the Bible, consisting of *Halacha*, legal exposition, and *Aggadah*, lore, non-ritualistic and non-legalistic portions. The following quotations give us some taste of its flavor.

"To him who has had a hanging in the family do not even speak of hanging up a fish."

"Though the wine belongs to the owner, thanks are nonetheless due to the waiter."

"A father's love is for his children; the children's love is for their own children."

"What is the reason that a judge

is prohibited from accepting a gift? Because a man who receives a gift becomes as friendly toward the donor as he is toward himself, and no man ever sees any wrong in himself."

I found the organization of the material excellent and the introductions to each section informative. The captions help by highlighting the essential meaning of the passage.

Judith Laikin Elkin. *Jews of the Latin American Republics* (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, 1980, 298 pages).

Reviewed by Dr. Harry I. Chernotsky. Dr. Chernotsky is in the Political Science Dept. of UNCC.

Judith Laikin Elkin brings to life a largely ignored chapter in the travels of the Jewish people with her insightful study of the Jews of Latin America. This book is intended primarily as a history of Jewish life in the region, as Elkin traces the development and evolution of Jewish communities since the arrival of the first wave of immigrants. Yet, in reality, the story which unfolds is much more. It is a tale of displacement, fragmentation, assimilation, and the struggle for survival—themes common to virtually all accounts of Jews in the Diaspora.

As one would expect, Jews have had a difficult time integrating themselves into these lands never known for their toleration of unfamiliar values and cultures. These "triple strangers" remain distinct in terms of their religion, ethnic origin, and historical experience. Initially, most Jews gravitated to those countries such as Argentina and Brazil where there was at least a modicum of tolerance or the opportunity for economic advancement. Once settled, they engaged in a wide range

of endeavors in their quest for economic security. Jews could be found working as peddlers, artisans, farmers, industrial laborers, and even prostitutes—anything that would facilitate integration into the economic structure. This willingness to adapt to local conditions is illustrated most vividly in Elkin's fascinating look into Jewish agricultural colonies in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia, and the Dominican Republic. Within many of these communities, the groundwork was laid for upward mobility and the transition to urban life by farmers who "planted wheat and grew farmers."

Despite their often extraordinary efforts to gain acceptance, Latin American Jews have been constantly reminded of their precarious existence. Elkin is careful to point out that Jews have not been the only immigrants to experience suspicion and antagonism. Still, a special place has been reserved for them! To this day, Elkin writes, some Spanish dictionaries maintain the medieval association of Jews and the devil while defining Jews as misers and usurers.

Jews are periodically reminded, moreover, that no Latin American country is immune from anti-semitic outbursts. Whether one is reading about the killing of hundreds of Jews during Argentina's *semana tragica* (tragic week) in 1919, the refusal of various republics to admit European refugees in the 1930's, or recent attacks on Jewish cultural and religious centers, the message is clear—Jews remain convenient targets and scapegoats. Most disturbing is the fact that anti-Jewish feelings pervade all sectors of society, ranging from right wing extremists seeking to eliminate Jewish liberals to nationalist revolutionaries attempting to forge a

link between local Jews and the "racist state of Israel."

As tempting as it may be to trace all Jewish difficulties to these external hostilities and resentments, it would be a mistake to do so. It is perhaps unrealistic to expect a high degree of cohesiveness within and between Latin America's diverse Jewish communities. Differences in ethnic origin, religiosity, identification, aspirations, and even political views have always been pronounced. Yet, Elkin maintains, Jews have been remiss in surmounting these distinctions—even when they are shown to jeopardize the community as a whole. Repeated instances of Jewish infighting underscore the point that "one of the constants of Latin American Jewish life from its origin until the present day is its institutionalized fragmentation."

Still, Latin America's Jewish community has persevered. The reasons for this can be found in Elkin's discussion of life on the "Jewish street." Although intent on assimilating themselves into mainstream society, many Jewish immigrants found that their needs could be served only through the establishment of socio-cultural communal organizations. Thus, there emerged an organized Jewish community (the Kehilla). One cannot help but be moved in reading of massive Jewish efforts to set up schools and camps for the young, medical facilities for the sick, charitable agencies for those in need, homes for the aged, and synagogues for those few seeking to maintain their religious identity. Perhaps most telling is the fact that the Khevra Kadisha (burial society) was typically the first organization to appear in areas where Jews were found.

One comes away from this book with a keen appreciation for these Latin American Jews, who have struggled in obscurity to survive. Their number is small (little more than 550,000 with 310,000 in Ar-

gentina alone) and is likely to decrease in the years ahead. Still, their story is significant and Judith Laikin Elkin tells it with a flourish. If there is one criticism to make, it is that Elkin occasionally presupposes a knowledge of the region's history and politics unlikely for many potential readers. Yet, in most instances, possible confusions can be remedied by reviewing her concise chapter summaries.

Elkin concludes with a crisp comparison on Jews in Latin America and the United States. Within this chapter one comes to understand the allure of this book. As distinctive and different as these Latin American Jews appear, their experiences are not unlike those of Jews elsewhere. Their successes and failures in adapting to unfamiliar, often hostile surroundings provide lessons to others in similar circumstances—not least of all, Jews in the American South.

NEVER TOO LATE

Manana, an illiterate mother of ten children, was ridiculed by her friends for starting a course in reading and writing "at her age." She explained: "If I were going up four flights of stairs and didn't find the light switch until the third, should I leave it untouched for the rest of the way up, or enjoy the light until I reached the end?"

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The Visiting Scholar Program

The North Carolina-Israel Visiting Scholar Program is an exchange of distinguished faculty and research scientists between institutions of higher education in Israel and the University of North Carolina system. It is one of very few such programs in the nation.

Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. established the Visiting Scholar Program by Executive Order in April, 1978, while visiting the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The program is designed to promote sharing of scientific research and technical knowledge, for the enhancement of economic and social progress in both countries.

Under the leadership of Governor Hunt and President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina, the Visiting Scholar Program supports scholars from each country for six months at the host institution. Funds to defray travel and living expenses of the visiting scholars are raised entirely from private sources.

Through the North Carolina-Israel Visiting Scholar Program, both nations and the participating institutions are benefiting from:

Research opportunities for outstanding international scholars to further their work through collaboration with research staff at the host

institution.

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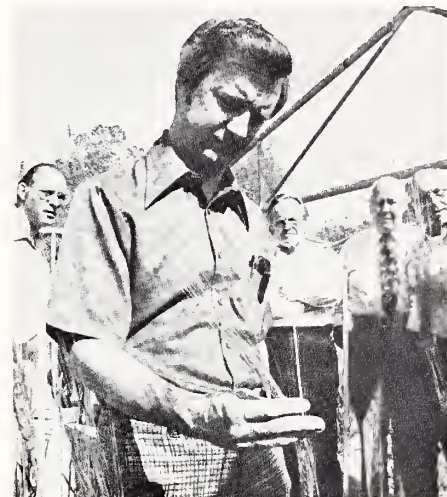
The research conducted by exchange scholars is the core of the North Carolina-Israel Visiting Scholar Program. Each year the program enables senior faculty from Israel and North Carolina to spend six months concentrating on their field of research with international colleagues.

Accomplishments of the program's first years indicate a tremendous potential for the future. Funds from the North Carolina-Israel Visiting Scholar Program have already been used to:

- Isolate chromosomes in tobacco, leading to the development of disease-resistant strains of tobacco.
- Produce bacterial cellulose, which has implications for the industrial production of fiber used in making paper and textiles.
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- Identify the components of bacteria which cause respiratory disease in humans, leading to control or prevention of infection.
- Investigate the mathematical expression of probability and statistics, which can be used to assess theories such as population growth.

• VISITING SCHOLARS

January-July, 1979 Dr. Dan U.



Governor Hunt at the Weizmann Institute, Israel.

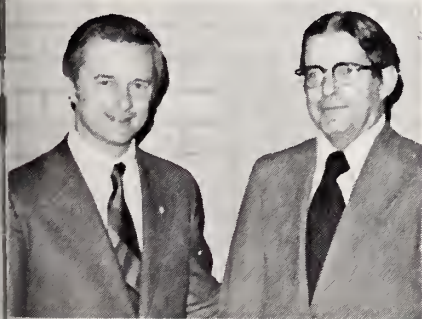
Gerstel, William Neal Reynolds professor of crop science and genetics at N. C. State University was the first scholar sent to Israel under the Program.

October, 1979-July, 1980 Dr. Moshe Benziman, Chairman of the department of biological chemistry at Hebrew University collaborated with Dr. R. Malcolm Brown, Jr. at the University of N. C. CH, to pioneer in laboratory production of bacterial cellulose.

July, 1980-July, 1981 Dr. Joel Baseman, a microbiologist at UNC School of Medicine, is collaborating with Professor Shmuel Razin at Hadassah Medical Center, Hebrew University.

July-December, 1980 Dr. Shaul R. Foguel, Professor of mathematics at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, studied, conducted research, and offered seminars in collaboration with Dr. Bryan Marcus of UNC's mathematics department.

January-July, 1981 Dr. Stephens W. Nunnally, director of the graduate program in construction engineering at N. C. State University, is working with Dean



Governor Hunt and Dr. Dan U. Gerstel, first visiting scholar.

Moshe Livneh at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology on development of innovative construction practices.

January-July, 1981 Dr. Seth R. Reice of the zoology department of UNC CH is working with Dr. F. D. Por of Hebrew University. Their

study investigates the relationship between plant and animal life for purposes of assessment of environmental impact of pollution, desalination projects, etc.

The success of the North Carolina-Israel Visiting Scholar Program depends on your support.

Contributions are payable to the North Carolina-Israel Visiting Scholar Program, Post Office Box 5067, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27650.

Tradition In The Kitchen

by Estelle Hoffman

Consider the Blintz. Here is the standard recipe for Jewish Blintzes:

CHEESE BLINTZES

2 eggs
½ cup sifted flour
¾ cup water (or milk and water)
1 Tbsp. melted butter
pinch of salt

Ingredients should be at room temperature.

Make a thin batter of beaten eggs, flour added alternately with the liquid, beating with a fork, then adding melted butter and salt. Heat a heavy frying pan and grease before pouring first blintz. Pour a thin stream of batter, starting at center and tilting pan to spread evenly. When underside is slightly browned, turn out on towel, browned side up. Pan should require no further greasing. Repeat until all batter is used. This makes 16 blintzes.

FILLING:

1 lb. dry cottage cheese, farmer cheese, or ricotta.
1 egg yolk
2 Tbsp. sugar
pinch of salt
dash of cinnamon

Mix to spreadable consistency. Spread and roll each blintz, tucking in at ends. Serve with sour cream, stewed berries, cherries, rhubarb, or applesauce.

Translated into Italian the Blintzes become MANICOTTI.

MANICO means MUFF in Italian, and Manicotti may be served as a main dish. This is truly an Italian recipe:

MANICOTTI

SALSA (SAUCE):
1 chopped onion
1 chopped garlic clove
1 small can tomato paste
1 #2½ can tomatoes
1 tsp. sugar
salt and pepper

Sautee garlic and onion in 2 Tbsp. oil until tender. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer for one-half hour. Sauce may be prepared in advance. It may be frozen.

Place a thin coating of above tomato sauce in baking dish. Arrange cheese filled manicotti (blintzes) in baking dish, and put about 1 Tbsp. of the sauce on each. Sprinkle with shredded mozzarella cheese and grated Parmesan (or Romano) over top. Bake for one-half hour and serve hot.

The perfect seasoning for Tomato Sauce is basil.

Blintzes may be prepared in advance and frozen. Separately frozen Sauce may be thawed in a pan on the stove and combined with frozen blintzes and cheese, according to above directions, for a quickly prepared meal.

ASK THE RABBI

A local wag is said to have addressed an inquiry to the Chief Rabbi in Jerusalem: If five schizophrenics get together, can they be counted as a full minyan?

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RABBINICAL KALLAH TO MEET AT BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME

For the second year, the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis will utilize the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Annual Winter Kallah, to be held on February 10 and 11, 1981. Mr. Cy Jacobs, President of the Home's Board of Governors, and Mrs. Selma Caston, President of the Residents' Council, will formally greet the participants in the meeting. Mr. Al. A. Mendlovitz, the Home's Executive Director, will update the members of the GCAR on the Home's activities during the past year, and will outline some of the roles the Home can play in local community programs which serve the elderly. The business session will be conducted by Rabbi Arnold Task, President of the Association and rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro.

Chairman of the program committee, Rabbi Harold Krantzler of Charlotte, announced that the main speaker of the Kallah will be Rabbi Jacob Goldberg, M.A., M.S., Director of The Commission on Pastoral Bereavement Counseling of New York City. The Commission on Pastoral Bereavement Counseling was founded by seven religious and hospital groups in the New York metropolitan area, and is sponsored by members of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish

chaplains. Rabbi Goldberg, who has held the Pulpit at Fort Tryon Jewish Center since 1946, received a Counseling Degree from Iona College and has served as a Pastoral Counselor since 1972. He has developed a series of techniques which help mourners through the first months of their bereavement process, and works with other members of the New York Commission on Pastoral Bereavement Counseling to train members of the clergy, counselors and social workers in the skills of bereavement counseling.

During the Annual Midwinter Kallah, Rabbi Goldberg will conduct two seminars. The first, "Theory and Practice of Bereavement Counseling", will deal with concepts surrounding this specific area of counseling. The second session, "Emotional Reactionism of Client and Counselor", will explore the feelings of the bereaved person, ways in which the counselor can respond to these feelings, and suggestions for developing a therapeutic framework for "time heals".

The Home is proud to have been selected as the site for the Midwinter Kallah, which is one of the many activities which supports

and develops the Jewish community at large.

Other Offerings—

In addition to his presentations to the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis, Rabbi Goldberg will participate in several other programs and conferences while he is in North Carolina. On Monday evening, February 9, he will share his valuable understanding of the processes one goes through when there is a death in a lecture at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, entitled "Bringing Death out of the Closet: The After-Effects of Kubler-Ross". On Tuesday, February 10, he will be the keynote speaker and workshop leader for a full day institute sponsored by the Forsyth County Long-Term Care Administrators entitled "Living with Losses in the Long-Term Care Facility: An In-Depth Look at Bereavement". He will also conduct a two-session bereavement workshop for the Home's professional and para-professional staff on the following day. We welcome Rabbi Goldberg and are very pleased that he is able to bring this unique and dynamic material to our community.

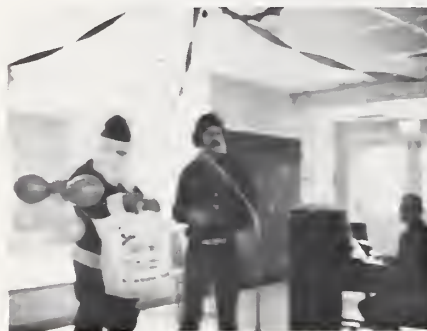
The Holiday Season

December was the holiday season! In addition to a full week of Chanukah celebrations, including visits from many of the students in area Hebrew schools, residents observed the Christmas celebration on December 23rd with a traditional Moravian Love Feast. Mrs. Selma Caston, President of the Residents Council, and Mrs. Emma Pearson helped with the reading of the scriptures, and Rev. George Spransy, minister of the Clemmons Presbyterian Church, officiated for the service. Music was provided by Ann Merrit, Theresa Shoaf, Ruth Johnson, Ellen Hughes and Trudy Speer, all members of the Home's nursing department. Residents and staff and visitors shared in singing favorite Christmas carols and in the Moravian custom of eating special love feast buns and drinking coffee together.

The lighter elements of Christmastime appeared on the following day! A Christmas party, organized by Rick Rogers of the Recreation Department, featured none other than Santa Claus as the guest of honor! Lewis Merrit volunteered his musical talents and played the piano for the party. Thank you, Lewis!

New Year's Eve was celebrated by a special get-together in the Home's Living Room. Mrs. Minnie Tureff, Mrs. Evelyn Small, Mrs. Hassie Wade and Mrs. Emma Pearson formed the planning committee, which decided on entertainment, refreshments, decorations and made sure that each resident received a written invitation to the party. The carpet was rolled back, volunteer Virginia Bowers provided the piano music, and residents and staff joined in singing songs and dancing to old favorites like "Ballin' the Jack" and "Beer Barrel Polka"! Eggnog, fruits and cheeses, and party quiches

were some of the delicious refreshments prepared by the Dietary Department. The evening's highlights were a series of toasts made to different residents and staff members of the Home. See "A CLOSER LOOK" in this issue!



Santa Claus, Rick Rogers and Lewis Merrit provided laughter, music and entertainment for the Christmas party on December 24!

Our Valentine Couple!



Leah and Usher Zimmerman, wed 66 years!

by Patti Denzer, Volunteer

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Usher Zimmerman on their 66th Wedding Anniversary! The Zimmermans are residents at the Blumenthal Jewish Home and will be celebrating their anniversary February 21.

Even after 66 years, Mrs. Zimmerman remembers the day they first met. "I was 12 and Mr. Zimmerman was 18," recounted Mrs. Zimmerman. "We had gone to a dance studio to learn how to dance. Girls lined up on one side of the room and boys on the other. Whoever was in line across from

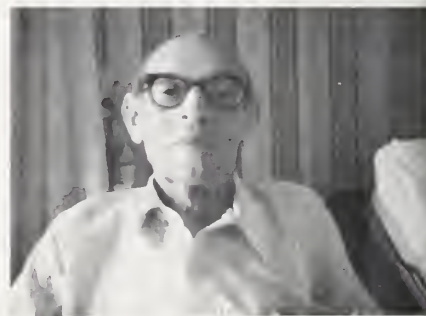
you was your dance partner," she explained.

Mr. Zimmerman said he spotted her immediately and knew he wanted to meet her. "I inched my way through the line so I could be her dance partner," he said with a chuckle.

Six years later the Zimmermans became partners for life. Today their room is filled with pictures of their two sons, Oscar and Erwin, of whom they are very proud, and their families.

A sixty-six year marriage is truly an occasion for celebration. But the Zimmermans have also recently celebrated another notable day. On December 6th, family members entertained Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman at a gala party at Tanglewood, honoring Usher Zimmerman's 90th birthday.

Charlotte B'nai B'rith Honors Harry Goldstein



Harry Goldstein

by Rick Rogers, Recreation Therapist

On Sunday, November 9, the B'nai B'rith of Charlotte presented a program of films and awards at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Mike Shapiro, President, honored Harry Goldstein (Gastonia) with a certificate and pin for 50 years of service. Mr. Shapiro, a former professional B'nai B'rith worker said this award for 50 years of service was the first he has ever presented.

Harry Goldstein joined B'nai B'rith in 1928 in Gastonia, where he and as his wife (the late Clara Goldstein) lived and operated

store. He later transferred his membership to the Charlotte chapter after the Gastonia group disbanded.

The Goldstein family involvement with B'nai B'rith is continuous, with members of three generations (including Harry's son

and grandson) supporting the organization.

A CLOSER LOOK

New Year's Toasts to Residents and Staff



*Popular with each lady fair"—
Abe Fine and Esther Stein*

ABE FINE

by M. T.

All the birds go tweet, tweet, tweet,
When they see ABE coming with
something to eat;
He is popular with each lady fair,
Who looks to him to push her chair;
May the good Lord continue to
give him power,
So he may remain—
the man of the hour.



Al and members of the Staff

AL MENDLOVITZ

With his beard and his laugh,
he's one of a kind.
When we look at him, we know
he's well-dined.
He leads the Home with finesse
and verve
He accepts the challenge, never
looses his nerve.
His presence is felt like a
powerful blitz.
Who could it be but Al Mendlovitz?



*Connie Dixon and some of the
A-Wing Staff—Patsy Staley,
Lorena Durham and Linda Pinnix.
We wish you health and good
cheer!*

A-WING STAFF

by M. T.

Here's to the members of
A-Wing Staff
Always doing their duty on the
Residents' behalf;
They dispense medication and
often must stop
When it becomes necessary to
resort to the mop;
May the coming year bring them
health and happiness
So we may look forward to keeping
them here.



*Pauline Bobrow and
Sara Atlas*

SARA ATLAS

J. S.

Who is Zsa Zsa? Who's that girl
Who wears her hair in the
strawberry curl?
Who plays bingo 'til the caller
is hoarse?
Who sings soprano in the
Home's chorus?
We wish her lots of good cheer—
SARA ATLAS, Happy New Year!



3 cheers for the crew!

MRS BUMGARDNER AND HER CREW

by Minnie Tureff

Drink to Mrs. Bumgardner and
her crew
Who serve us roast chicken and
even cheese fondue;
Who accept our gripes with a
grain of salt;
When we don't like the food,
it's not her fault!



Sam, our "all-round man"

SAM COHEN

by Minnie Tureff

Let's drink to SAM,
our all-round man,
Who is seen early mornings with
his watering can;
Who's a willing tour guide upon
request,
Making each person feel like a
welcome guest;
He has never been known to break
a promise;
So here's 3 cheers for our
wonderful Shamas.

by Linda Babb,
Recreation Therapist

This is a summary of a presentation made to the Board of Governors on December 7, 1980. At their request, we share this report with readers of this magazine.

The word "therapeutic" implies a clinical approach and oftentimes, no one thinks of recreation as falling into that category. However, the recreation department at the Blumenthal Jewish Home takes pride in recognizing the therapeutic value of recreational activity. Our goal is to provide worthwhile and individual activity for each resident of the Home. In doing this, we find each day very challenging, stimulating, and rewarding. In addition, residents find each day equally as invigorating!

As one Board member of the Home said recently, "The Blumenthal Jewish Home is a place to come to live, not to die!" Our focus at the Blumenthal Jewish Home is on quality of life and living life to the fullest—every day.

As a recreation therapist, my duties are (1) to assess each resident's interests, needs, past hobbies/interests, and current physical and emotional capabilities; (2) tabulate these data and with the resident, plan an activity program suited to this individual; (3) document plans and progress; (4) confer with other departments of the Home and provide input to the total treatment plan of each resident; and (5) stimulate each resident in an effort to meet daily recreational needs. Using staff, resident, and community resources, we are able to provide a more extensive recreational program.

In the recent past, we have experienced some extraordinary activities, one of which was our "Winter Wonderland Fashion

Show" which was held in early November, 1980. In this event, twenty residents served as models, escorts, or ushers. Cathy's Boutique and Craft Showcase (both located at Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem) provided fashions and decorator assistance for this performance. Residents were so excited as they strolled down the runway, displaying the latest in fashions!

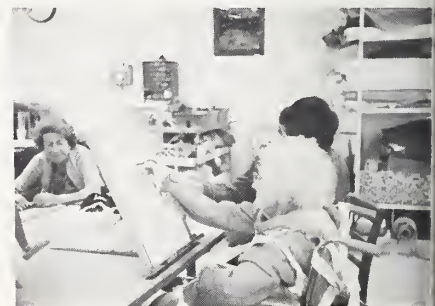


Luella Morris works on her braided rug. While she crafts a beautiful gift she also helps strengthen her fingers, hands and arms.

We videotaped this event and later were able to show residents the entire show (not just the part they played.) Reactions to the show were very positive. Residents, staff, and families were quite pleased with the increased self-awareness and pride resulting from participation in the show. Greater pride in appearance has been one very noticeable fringe benefit. One resident goes to the beauty shop even more frequently now to ensure her new hair-do looks great. Another lady seemed somewhat astonished to find that she is no longer the size 10 she used to be! Another lady did not realize how much prettier she looks with a big smile, and another did

not realize that her posture was so good! The self-awareness and increased level of consciousness have been very gratifying to residents and to staff.

Level of consciousness increased significantly after a recently held "Hawaii Day." For one day, the Blumenthal Jewish Home became Hawaii, complete with leis, flowered tablecloths, and travel posters. Residents and staff spent days preparing tissue paper flowers and tablecloths. The dietary department provided a luau menu and residents and staff entertained with hula contests and limbo exhibitions. Nursing and recreation staff assisted residents with their preparations and participation. Tropical music topped off this event. Residents and staff were able to reflect on past trips to Hawaii and enjoyed sharing in this verbal travelogue. Residents really seemed to enjoy being able to educate staff!



Irene Blake (W-S) and Rick Roger work together on sketching a figure.

Another activity in which residents took great delight in enlightening staff was the Jewish Music Festival, held in September. Residents prepared Jewish music selections appropriate for the New Year's celebration. These selections and readings were presented to other residents and staff during the activity. Great pride and awareness resulted from this event, and residents seemed to thrive and

Recreation

delight in explaining religious significance associated with certain customs and traditions. Staff members were very pleased to share this experience with residents, and a greater sense of unity developed.

One daily event requiring active input from certain residents is our reality orientation program (R.O.). Each morning, Monday through Friday, a therapeutic R.O. session takes place on A-Wing. Through the use of an R.O. board, residents are assisted in memory recall lessons. Basic data, such as place, date, time, and weather are provided and reviewed. Throughout the remainder of the 24-hour day, these residents are provided many environmental cues through conversation. Staff members from each department are encouraged to be aware of conversation as an excellent R.O. tool. Family members are also advised of these sessions and of resident progress. Alert and aware residents are much happier residents, and as a result are more active! That certainly represents a branch of therapeutic recreation.

In addition to mental stimulation, we encourage physical activity. Exercises can be quite therapeutic from a physical and from a social point of view. Gathered together in an exercise group, residents have the opportunity to socialize and to be as physically active as they and their physician would like. Products of this activity are increased agility and dexterity and, as a result, greater independence and mobility.

We feel out-of-the-Home activity provides residents the opportunity to maintain community contacts and to also remain aware of cultural and educational events. Residents are intellectually and culturally stimulated by activities such as courses from Forsyth Technical



Planning decorations for Hawaii Day, Elsie Robertson (Raleigh) and Suzannah Jones (Winston-Salem) help Ann Merrit.



Exercises for the hands and fingers help flexibility! Celia Rabinowitz (Charlotte), Sophia Michalove (Hendersonville) and Florence Coblentz (Weldon) demonstrate some of their exercise techniques.

Institute (Contemporary Issues), the Winston-Salem Symphony performances, recitals by local performers, the ballet, and activities of other Homes. Trips to the mountains, to the fair, weekly shopping trips, and frequent out-to-lunch trips help keep residents active and help de-institutionalize daily life. In addition, these activities keep residents independent physically, financially and intellectually.

We at the Blumenthal Jewish Home feel the importance of viewing each resident as an individual who is quite productive and worthwhile. We feel that each resident should be a part of the planning process for his or her total treatment plan, and consider input from the resident as a crucial element of the resident care plan. For this reason, residents are invited to participate in resident care-plan meetings. We recognize needs of the individual as being far greater than just the obvious physical needs. Providing opportunity for emotional, mental and spiritual growth and development enables residents to function at a much more gratifying level. We believe this recreation is indeed therapeutic!

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ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO THE HOME

Focus on the Staff

CONNIE DIXON, R.N. Unit Manager, A-Wing

(For a picture, see 'A Closer Look')
by Jan Sawyer

Reluctant to talk about herself, Connie was willing to discuss her work and her responsibilities on A-Wing. She did volunteer that she worked part-time on the night shift for two years before becoming Unit Manager on A-Wing when the Home switched to the Unit system in August, 1979. Prior to that time she had worked as a Public Health Nurse in Forsyth County, with a heavy load of school nursing and visiting-nurse duties. This job, and its challenges, kept her in the field of public health nursing for 12 years before she resigned to become full-time mother to her daughter, Kelly, and full-time wife to her husband, Ned.

Nursing is a profession Connie takes seriously and thoughtfully. The demands of her job as Unit Manager are many. She credits the superior nursing coverage on A-Wing to the support of her RN's, LPN's and aides. "We have a wonderful staff," she stated. We talked about the current shortage of nurses (a national problem), particularly the shortage of those willing to work in long-term care facilities. Connie feels that this shortage will continue until nursing homes upgrade and maintain quality nursing care. "You can't have quality care without quality standards," she said, "and when that's reached, nurses will be proud to be a part of the nursing home environment." She added that the Blumenthal Jewish Home does provide that environment. "That's just something that is here. Good nursing care is required. We expect it of ourselves, and we give it to each of our residents."

As we talked about the development of the Home, Connie

remarked that she would like the Home to be seen as a state-wide resource center for nurses in long-term care facilities. An in-service educational program could be developed which would be accredited for both RN's and LPN's, and would help these professionals in the field of nursing to upgrade the level of geriatric nursing care. She would also like to see the Home be known as a rehabilitative center. "EDS Federal (the agency which administers the state's Medicaid funding) has already said that we are an example of 'doing it the right way'," Connie told me. "Why don't we make this available to the rest of the community?"

I asked Connie her opinion of the Resident Care Plans, detailed plans that are developed for each resident and updated every 90 days. "They're good if they're done properly," she said. "They're effective. They work. No one gets lost in the cracks." She did add that plans of this sort, and the documentation, demand a great deal of self-discipline and follow-through on the part of each member of the care team. But the work is being done, and the feeling on A-Wing is a positive one, with residents and staff members working together under Connie's leadership to maintain a good and supportive living environment.

BOOK REVIEW

OVER 55 IS NOT ILLEGAL, by Frances Tenenbaum. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, 1979.

Over 55 Is Not Illegal, A Resource Book for Active Older People is a fact-filled opportunity-filled encyclopedia for those who, chronologically, have reached the benchmark age of 55. The author, Frances Tenenbaum, states her purpose in the introduction: "Clearly, you can't live a full late-life in today's world if your picture of that world is out of date. To make the most of your life, you need to be free of the limitations of the past and

aware of the opportunities of the present. I hope you will find a world of opportunities in this book."

In collecting data for this manual, the author discovered that "our picture of aging is outdated, distorted, and often wholly inaccurate." Her book tries to combat that image, as well as offer ideas and resources for those who have no intention of retiring from full participation in a lively life. The book itself takes into account that it is a tool to be utilized by the older population, for its type and layout are particularly clear and easily read. Excellent photographs accompany the text.

"The New Breed of Older People", the first section of the book, presents facts, myths and stereotypes of aging. A chapter dealing with the Gray Panthers Activist movement also includes a listing of task forces and Gray Panther networks nation-wide. The second segment of the book, "Staying Active", describes many of the newly organized educational programs designed for retired or semi-retired individuals, including Elderhostels, Institutes of Lifetime Learning, and Older Adult Ed (addresses and brief program descriptions accompany each educational opportunity.) Facts and follow-through information are given for the whole gamut of volunteer opportunities (including RSVP, SCORE, VISTA, Foster Grandparent Program, and Tax Aides) as well as community programs for older people. Readers of the book learn about funding resources, information and referral directories, and alternate ways of setting up local projects for the older adult community. A chapter on jobs and employment opportunities gives advice on age discrimination in programs of aging, and lists by state the agencies and programs (with addresses and information about the programs) which might be helpful to those who desire to be part of the workforce.

"Keeping Fit" describes the

benefits of exercise, proper nutrition, (including food and drug interactions), and new directions in research on aging. Concrete suggestions and exercises are outlined in this section, as well as principles of exercise and fitness programming.

A valuable resource tool, specific its suggestions and practical in listings of agencies, support groups, interest groups and programs both state and nationwide, *Over 55 Is Not Illegal* is highly recommended for all those members of the "new older generation" who insist upon productivity, excitement and creative opportunities for their lives.



Perry Clark (Maintenance Dept.) wraps his gag gift while **Al Lindlovitz** encourages to "try it!"



The **Welcome Committee**, chaired **Esther Stein**, had a special luncheon at **Clemmons Kitchen** on **January 9**. Committee members (front row) are **Abe Fine**, **Beth Gross**, **Emma Pearson** and **Evelyn Hall**, and (back row) **Esther Stein** and **Jean Tager**.

PLANT CLUB DEDICATES NEW SHELVES

Members of the **BJH Plant Club** celebrated the completion of new shelving units for their rapidly growing collection of plants on **Friday, December 5**. A special party commemorated the occasion of hanging and placing the plants in their new homes. Residents also helped macrame new hangers for some of the pots during the party. Members of the club include **Elsie Robertson (Raleigh)**, **Sybil Ketchum (Jacksonville, NC)**, **Hugh Davis (W-S)**, **Sol Levin (Greensboro)**, **Hassie Wade (Black Mountain)**, and **Evelyn Yarborough (W-S)**. They are assisted by **Helen Davis** and **Rick Rogers**.



Helen Davis works on macrame while **Sol Levin**, **Elsie Robertson** and **Sybil Ketchum** look on.



Hassie proudly displays "one of our little green things."



Visiting in the hall, **Sara Schwartz**, **Eleanor Kharasch** and **Grace Chaplin**.



A new rule in the **Nursing Department**!



Yes, **Betty**, there is a **Santa Claus**! **Betty Brobstein** and **Bek Zuckerman** visit with the famous elf at the **Christmas party**.



Mary Bowen helps **Sophie Zuckerman** with her banking while **Pat Beard** and **Cathy Chilton** look on.

What's Been Happening?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Leon Kaufman
Bessie Kaplan
Ann Spear
Louise Leigh
Charles Kappel
Rae Bloom
Bianca Pace
Lazarus Cohen
John Davis
Augusta Weingarten

WELCOME

May you enjoy a long, happy and healthy life:

Abe Harrison

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Aubrey Zimmerman, Norma Kaufman, Minnie Dennett, Celia Gottlieb, and Dorothy Clements.

May their loving memory bring comfort to their loved ones.

It has become a beautiful tradition for people to express their interest in the Home by making commemorative gifts. Over the years these generous donations have greatly enriched the quality of life for the Home's Residents. The prayers and thanks of our Residents are expressed for the contributions made to the Home from December 5, 1980, to January 5, 1981.

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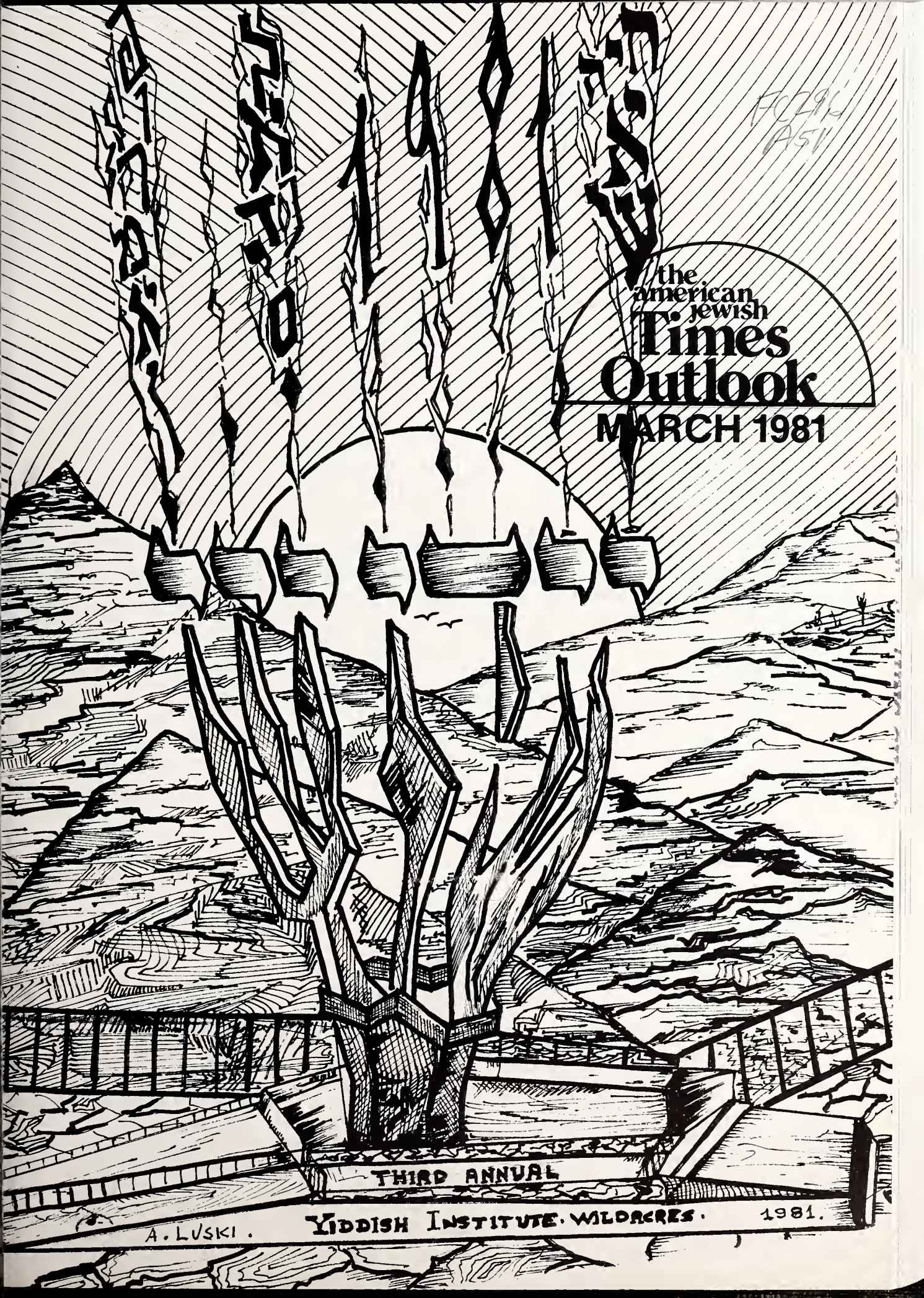
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STANDING UP FOR TRUTH

by Moshe Decter

One word is worth a thousand pictures.

Consider the most dramatic media event of recent times—the release and homecoming of the hostages from Iran. The pictures of unfolding events would have been almost meaningless without the ubiquitous TV news people telling us what we were seeing, making sense of it for us.

The Greeks literally had a word for it—*logos*: speech, word, reason, the controlling principle in the universe, reflecting the intimate tie of thought and speech.

In Hebrew, the word is **davar**, which is, fascinatingly, identical with the word for “thing.” Thus the specificity, tangibility, concreteness of the word: the ancient Jewish drive to bring thought to life in mundane reality.

We of the West are heir to the union of these Hellenic and Judaic ideas, and it is profoundly significant that for Christianity, a decisive religio-philosophical manifestation of that union, “in the beginning was the word.” That union reveals the inextricable connection between reason, speech and action; it lies at the very heart of our culture, our sense of civilization and society.

The philosophers from the first knew the unlimited and illimitable power of the word, its uses and abuses. From Socrates to Marx, they perceived the possibilities for the exaltation and degradation of language in the quest for power and its manipulation, but it is only our own time, the 20th century, that has plumbed the nadir of perversion and exploitation of the word in politics.

Lenin and Stalin led the way,

Hitler and Goebbels created their own variant, today's terrorists are their adept disciples. The good words—like peace, the people, self-determination, equality, national liberation—have been misappropriated by the killers.

No two words are more subject to dangerous misuse in today's press and mass media than *guerrilla* and *terrorist*. Their confusion creates an atmosphere of toleration and acceptance of indiscriminate murder that is fatal to clear thinking and can eventually eat away at the foundations of democratic institutions and free societies.

Guerrilla is a Spanish word (little war) that entered our popular political lexicon during the Spanish Civil War, 1936-39. The sympathy of the West was utterly engaged on the side of the Loyalist army fighting to maintain the democratic Republic against the Nazi-backed forces of General Franco. And alongside the Republican army fought the irregulars—the *guerrillas*.

A romantic aura attached to them, for they were fighting for Justice and The Right and Good. To this day, a weighted heroic emotion clings to the word *guerrilla*.

What characterizes the *guerrilla*—the outraged citizen who takes up arms in a righteous cause—is that he strikes directly at the enemy's armed forces, his bases, arsenals, lines of communication, stores and supplies.

The terrorist is totally different. For him, the enemy is not the soldier; he is anyone but the soldier. Thus the enemy is everyone and everywhere. And against that enemy—**anything goes**. The main target is precisely **not** the armed enemy but his kin or associate. So the terrorist strikes, in a cow-

ardly, not heroic way, at unarmed civilians.

Japan's Red Army, Italy's Red Brigades, Libyan-backed hit gangs all over Europe, neo-Nazi bombers in France and Germany, above all the PLO: Terrorists all, debasing the language of politics in the name of justice and liberation, helped by the media to pass themselves off plausibly on misguided public opinion as *guerrillas*. Terrorism is the most sinister international political phenomenon of our time, yet an atmosphere of misunderstanding and eventual acceptance of terrorism is built up each time the press refers to Palestinian *guerrillas*.

Those of us who live by the word, who love the beauty and power of language, for whom language is the most awesome creation of the human mind, have a unique responsibility, a moral obligation, a civic duty, a civilizing mission, to call a thing by its right name, and so to stand up for truth.

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Carolina Character: Gertrude Weil

by Estelle Hoffman

It has been said that Gertrude Weil was the most important Jewish woman who has ever lived in North Carolina. An editorial in the Goldsboro News Argus at the time of her death stated, "In giving of herself and her wealth to mankind, Miss Gertrude Weil was unequalled in this century in Goldsboro." She was 91 when she died on May 31, 1971. The story of her life should be an inspiration to Americans forever, and especially to Jewish Americans.

Grandparents of Gertrude Weil were Jacob Weil of Oberdorf, Wurttemberg, and his Bavarian born wife, Yetta. Jacob Weil was an antiques dealer. They were people of energy, integrity, culture, and fine character. Their five children preceded their parents to the United States. When Jacob and Yetta came, they settled in Baltimore. The sons, Herman, Henry, and Solomon became residents of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Herman Weil served in the Confederate Army, having immigrated in 1858 at the age of 16, and moved to Goldsboro the same year. He was employed for a time as a clerk. After Henry and Solomon arrived in Goldsboro the three brothers bought a small general store. That initial business venture became one of the largest in North Carolina. In the beginning, the Weil brothers were 17, 20, and 24 years old in 1865 when

they opened the doors of H. Weil & Brothers. Goldsboro was a promising town of about 1,000 inhabitants. Atop the first sheet of their new ledger was inscribed, "Mit Gott!"

The store soon became a trading center known for great variety and high quality of merchandise. Impeccable business ethics and intelligence assured their success. The Weils later operated a brickyard, a coal business, which was sold, and engaged in real estate. While their prosperity increased (volume of sales reached one million dollars by 1900), their interests and activities were not limited to their business. Devoted American citizens, they participated in civic affairs and those of the small Jewish community.

The Weil brothers waited until the business was well on its way before they married. Henry was almost 29 when he married Mina Rosenthal of Wilson, North Carolina, in 1875, when she was barely sixteen, remarkably mature and well educated. Henry Weil had watched Mina grow up and encouraged her in her education and endeavors. She attended the Wilson Seminary for Young Ladies, studying with diligence and success such advanced subjects as Calculus, Chemistry, and Trigonometry. A lengthy correspondence between the two young people has been preserved, and from

it we learn that Mina could write in Hebrew and German. She had vocal lessons and training which contributed to her social refinement. She had a great love of literature, especially poetry, which enriched her entire life.

The homes built by the three Weil brothers for their families were in a neighborhood carefully selected by them in 1875. Those homes and three others were large and comfortable, and the home of her parents, Henry and Mina, was the one in which Gertrude was born and it remained her home until she died.

The name of Weil was synonymous with philanthropy and interest in civic affairs and the welfare of humanity. They were devoted to Judaism, and they were among the founders of the first Hebrew Congregation of Goldsboro in 1883, Oheb Shalom. They were instrumental in erecting its first building and hiring Rabbi Max Moses in 1885. Interesting to note are the dues of the new congregation, fifty cents per month for members under the age of twenty-one, one dollar per member for those over that age.

The story of Gertrude's grandparents helps to understand her character and achievements. A tribute to the Weil family in 191 President Edward Kidder Graham of the University of North Carolina said, in introducing the Weil Le

ures on American Citizenship, one of their endowments, "They put no emphasis on what they made, nor on what they gave away. Money was to them a sign and a by-product of generous human impulses and loyalties." No wonder that Gertrude became one of those "direct, sincere, clear-seeing, patriotic, religious men."

After attending the Goldsboro public schools, she attended Horace Mann School in New York. She graduated from Smith College in 1901. She considered teaching kindergarten, but her mother was in poor health. After Henry Weil's death in 1914, Mina had assumed his duties on the school board, and she continued to be active as long as possible. Gertrude had always been interested in social service, and chose that work so that she might devote more time to her mother, who lived until 1940, confined to a wheel chair the last five years. Gertrude was seven years old when she rendered her first public service. It was 1886, after the Charleston Earthquake, for the benefit of whose sufferers a bazaar was held on Center Street in Goldsboro. Gertrude was sent home for sheets to hang as a backdrop for items offered for sale. Her real initiation into social service dates from her return home after graduation from Smith College, when she was 21 years old. Her earliest undertaking was a little sewing class for women who were very poor, mill workers. She was deeply sympathetic to unfortunate people. The following quotations are attributed to her in *Strangers in the Land*, by Moses Rountree:

"Wealth should be more equally divided. There should be more collaboration among citizens for the benefit of the whole community. Only as a community is built up, can individuals express themselves most productively. People are wrong in thinking

that the best incentive is competition. Competition is good, but only as an instrument for the common good." and further:

"You've got to change people, change attitudes of the mind. I see people who are very kind, but prejudiced. They think in terms of self, rather than of society as a whole. It is particularly sad—young people. We old people might be excused—we grew up with prejudices. But the young should have new, enlightened views. They are the ones who will make the future."



With those convictions she worked to improve health and education for children and to correct juvenile delinquency. She was secretary of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service for six years. She served on the board of directors of Dobbs Training School for delinquent girls, and one of its dormitories is named for her. She supported Boys Club programs and was a member of the Goldsboro Recreation Council, which organized the first Girl Scouts at a time when there was no planned recreation for girls. She was intensely interested in the young. Her personal

generosity provided an annex to Wayne County Memorial Community Building, which served as a recreation room for teenagers, and she enabled many young people to attend college and summer camps.

When she returned home after her graduation in 1901, there was the issue of the Women's Suffrage Movement. Gertrude was impatient with the discussion of women's right to vote, when it was so obviously right to her that she could understand no need for argument. She became active in the movement, but she found "Goldsboro was very unsuffrage minded. The women just weren't interested in the right to vote." She has been credited with starting the suffrage movement in North Carolina, but she insisted she was only a small part of it. In later years, she recalled, "The North Carolina Equal Suffrage League was organized in 1916 or thereabouts by Mrs. Archibald Henderson in Chapel Hill." Moses Rountree in *Strangers in the Land* reports the year 1913 in Morgantown. Goldsboro had a local chapter, whose first president in 1914 was Gertrude Weil.

She worked with such enthusiasm, that she was elected president of the state organization, serving in 1919 and 1920, the year in which the North Carolina General Assembly considered and failed to ratify the women's suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States. When the legislature met in special session that year, Miss Weil and her suffragettes went to Raleigh to further their cause. She was pleased to have the support of Governor Walter Bickett, who urged the legislature to ratify. Only one more state was needed to make it law, but it failed in North Carolina. Tennessee became the last needed state.

The League of Women Voters evolved from the workers for the suffrage movement. Gertrude Weil served in many capacities. She

was secretary of the State Federation of Women's Clubs for years and president of the Goldsboro Woman's Club for several years, working with women's clubs, because they worked for such things as beautification, improvement of schools, health, and sanitation. She was on the board of trustees of Wayne Memorial Hospital, aided in establishing Wayne County Health Department, and she paid the salary of a public health nurse until public funds were allocated. She served on the board of the Goldsboro Community Chest before the United Fund was conceived. She did Red Cross work during both World Wars, and she served in the U.S.O. in World War II.

In 1953 she was named Goldsboro Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Club. She had to miss Friday evening services, which she attended regularly, in order to accept the presentation. In 1956 she received a distinguished service award from the Sidney Stern B'nai B'rith Lodge of Greensboro. She was cited for her "simple greatness and great kindness."

Her interest and help in the struggle for equality by Blacks became noteworthy. She considered their cause equal to the one which had been waged for the right of women to vote. Again she was impatient with controversy and lengthy discussion of the matter of racial equality. "It is so obvious that to treat people equally is the right thing to do." She had inherited the family trait of fair and honest dealing. One of the awards she received, which was most meaningful to her was presented to her in June of 1964 by Dillard High School, an all Black school in Goldsboro. She was very proud of the expression of confidence which the Black people had in her. She understood their sensitivities and was highly supportive of their struggle for equal opportunity.

The Smith Medal was first of-

fered in 1964, and Miss Weil was one of the five graduates of Smith College to receive the award. Her citation read:

"The first from your native North Carolina to graduate from Smith, you returned home to embark on a lifetime of service to the cultural, charitable, religious and political welfare of your State. In their range of significance your efforts to provide a better life for your fellows dramatically illustrate the close connection between the emancipation of women and the progress of our country. The Women's Suffrage League of half a century ago and today's bi-racial council have shared a common concern for equal rights and human freedom, as well as your brave heart, generous spirit and high responsibility. Smith College hopes it can claim some small part of this magnificent accomplishment."

Gertrude Weil served her Jewish faith well, as it served her. She taught in the Sunday School of Oheb Shalom Temple, served as officer in Sisterhood and Hadasah for the Eastern district, and three terms as president of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. Twice she visited the State of Israel. Her papers have been given to the North Carolina State Archives.

Her life was vigorous throughout, sparkling with good humor. She was well informed and brilliantly articulate. A recital of her activities and accomplishments fails to portray this unique person. She was cherished by her relatives and friends.

Two nieces of Gertrude have furnished information about their revered aunt. Emily Weil of Goldsboro added her sentiments to reports she sent to us. "Most outstanding were her intelligence, wit, and concern. She could talk to everybody about things they cared about. She read volumes on

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every subject imaginable. She could make you feel at ease immediately, even as if she had been waiting ages just to talk to you. You knew she cared and had done her homework on subjects interesting to you. She loved to entertain. She served in great style with a cook and faithful butler, Heywood. It was an honor to be invited. . . Typically, Gertrude inventoried all her possessions and divided them (on paper) among her relatives, long before she died. She made all her own funeral arrangements, even to buying the gown. She joked about it—said she didn't want anybody to have to bother with it. She even had men hire workmen to fix up the cemetery plot while she was gravely ill.

She wanted to know what kind of grass and plants—all the details. She wanted it to look decent for her funeral. (Again, not morbid, just thoughtful to the end. . .) On her sickbed at the end, she kept asking how open classrooms were working. She kept wanting to go and see this new approach herself.

"She never missed a Friday night at the Temple. She was always willing to prepare an Oneg Shabbat. She always readied the Sukkah with her Heywood. . . Gertrude loved life. She made all who knew her feel glad they did. She tried to make life better for us all. She is sorely missed."

Another of Gertrude's nieces is Mrs. Hilda Wallerstein of Greens-

boro, North Carolina. She lent articles to be used in this account, the photograph which is reproduced herein, and her copy of **Strangers in the Land**, which is a fascinating and detailed account of the Weil family. We are greatly indebted to its author, Moses Rountree for this book, published in 1969, which recounts the story of "Jacob Weil's Tribe." It evokes great admiration for this illustrious family, and tells about its individual members through a period of more than a century. The publisher of this book is Dorrance of Philadelphia. We appreciate the assistance of these sources which made it possible to write this account.

Tradition In The Kitchen

SALMON LOG (BALL)

by Johnny and Joanna Whitley

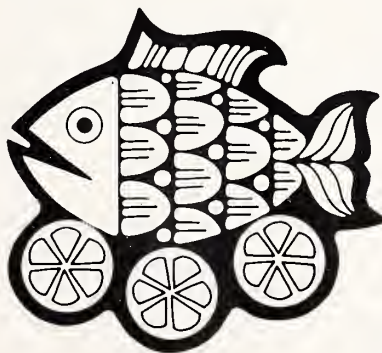
- 1 16 oz. can Salmon
- 1 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 Tbsp. Lemon Juice
- 2 Tsp. Grated Onion
- 1 Tsp. Horseradish
- ¼ Tsp. Salt
- ¼ Tsp. Liquid Smoke
- ½ Cup Chopped Pecans
- 3 Tbsp. Snipped Parsley

Drain, bone and skin Salmon and flake into mixing bowl. Gradually add cream cheese, lemon juice, horseradish, onion, salt, and Liquid Smoke. After thoroughly mixing, shape into log or ball.

Chop pecans and parsley. Mix these ingredients together.

Roll Salmon Log (Ball) onto mixture of pecans and parsley until completely covered.

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The Pekl Part One

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by Ruth D. Scheinberg

To carry a pekl of merchandise on his back was not what a man might have envisioned as part of his future in the New World when tales were brought back to the Old Country of the riches of the land. But the man often considered his opportunities realistically and found peddling a good choice. As a peddler he could begin earning money for his livelihood before he even mastered the language or understood the customs of the land.

While the majority of the Jewish immigrants remained in the northern part of the United States during the great waves of immigration from 1890 to 1914, there was still a large migration westward and southward. This collection of stories deals with the lives of the men who went south; it does not cover the entire picture of their lives, nor of their dealings. Nor are these stories always entirely true, or entirely false, for they are conceived and related from different perspectives by first and second generation Americans. The original language of the teller is unchanged, wherever possible, for flavor. The reader is given a glimpse of the courage these men displayed, how they used ingenuity, and is shown the roads they traveled until they found, or did not find, their niche. These stories are recalled as part of the heritage of these early pioneers.

The word "pekl" (pack) was given a Yiddish colloquialism, tinged with the "l" sound, which somehow made it not only a diminutive, but also very personal. The pekl was securely strapped to the peddler's back; it might weigh anywhere from fifty to seventy pounds and was balanced with about forty pounds in the front. The amount of weight was dependent on the weight and strength of the man. The pekl

contained items called "software" which included whatever a household might need—anything from ribbons to needles, thread and cloth, to curtains, tablecloths, laces, trinkets and almost any small item that could be included such as toys, books, and necessities. This pekl, unknowingly, became a symbol . . . a key to the man's future, to a road of independence. He began to dream of educating his children and providing a better life for his family.

Not only did the unskilled and young men choose this option of peddling as a way of earning a living in the first years in the New World, but often scholars and skilled men shouldered the pekl and began in this manner. Studying for careers and trades diverted some, but for the thousands who did persist in this field and were willing to leave the crowded tenements of the large port cities, the south and midwest held promise of a good life. Social agencies were set up in metropolitan areas to move these people south. Relatives and friends lured them with word of already-established Jewish communities spread from Virginia to as far south as Key West, Florida, into Louisiana and the mountainous areas of the Carolinas. One businessman from Chattanooga, Tennessee, went regularly to the docks of New York City to meet the boats, greeting the newcomers, and offering a means to earn a living by peddling in his area. Transportation was paid to that city, which had been stocked with a supply of merchandise and the newcomer did begin immediately to travel in surrounding areas. If arrangements were necessary to care for the family until the new peddler was established, this became part of the agreement; it proved to be a business arrangement mutually beneficial. It

was a time of helping, which in turn paid dividends.

These stories concern men, but it is recognized what a great part their women played in building character in the family. Their own strength and vision, combined with physical effort, their religious beliefs, their hunger for knowledge in the New World were a part of the picture. They shared the dreams of the peddlers who walked the lonely paths; their stories will yet be told and retold for generations to come. Then, a greater dimension will be visible of the man with a "pekl."

In retrospect, there is always a soft glow of nostalgia for the early days of parents and grandparents. They are remembered with admiration and fondness. Their children still tell how their parents arrived in the United States with less than two dollars in their pockets. They do not, however, dwell on the hardships as much as their accomplishments. Descendants remember the jolly large families, and they love to quote the stories recounted to them of the old country, such as the size of the watermelons in Roumania, or how they outwitted the Cossacks during the pogroms in Russia by hiding the baby in the stove. But nostalgia is just a sweet memory; these people brought strengths that are still inherent within their children and children's children, these men and women laid the mortar which is still apparent in the people around us.

Hayim Isaac Reznitzky

As Hayim Isaac Reznitzky stood ready to enter the United States at Ellis Island in 1904, he was told by the Immigration authorities that he would not be allowed to enter the United States, because he was bald-headed. This strange reason, translated into Yiddish for Mr. Reznitzky's understanding must have indeed astounded him, and was recounted for his children's

enjoyment many years later. He did, however, enter through Canada, bald-headed or not, and later made his home in Baltimore where relatives had already assured him the chances of a livelihood were good.

Mr. Reznitzky arrived, a young man of 30 years of age, married, but was forced to leave his wife and four children behind until he could save enough money for their passage across the Atlantic from Poland. Within two years he did send money for them. By then Mr. Reznitzky had begun to do business with the Baltimore Bargain House, large wholesalers of that city. They gave him merchandise on credit to start peddling. They directed him to North Carolina where the county of Bertie was designated as his territory. He was authorized to sell the items they stocked him with for three or four times the cost of the items. This should have enabled him to make a reasonable profit for his traveling and living expenses, but it proved a very difficult means of earning a living. He was a hard worker, who never took time away from his work even to be home with his family except for the holidays and his yarzeits. Even denying himself a taste of family life on weekends, earning a simple livelihood became increasingly difficult. The mother was entrusted with the care and raising of the family since both husband and wife were unwilling to move to the small town of Lewiston in Bertie County, N.C., which might have made life easier for all involved. But, because there were no Jewish families there and Jewish life was non-existent, kashruth and proper schooling especially, it was decided that the family should remain in Baltimore. As an itinerant peddler, the pekl of merchandise securely packed on his back, Mr. Reznitzky traveled into the backwoods of the county for eleven years, while his wife, Goldie, almost singlehandedly, raised the family of children consisting of: Arthur, Sam, Fanny, Victor, Harry, Joseph, Clara and

Rosalie.

Mr. Reznitzky eventually discontinued doing business with the Baltimore Bargain House; he began to buy merchandise elsewhere, particularly from Banks Brothers and was then able to merchandise in other counties, but in all his business endeavors he had to depend on his own two feet. The pekl was loaded with as much stock as was humanly possible to carry, and he walked many miles from farmhouse to farmhouse. His struggle was upward, never being able to save enough to purchase a horse and wagon to assist him and thus increase his earnings. In spite of the physical hardships endured, Mr. Reznitzky was a healthy man, whose visions and aims never faltered.

Food and shelter in the remote sections of North Carolina were, of course, a great concern. The elements of nature had to be constantly battled, both heat and cold. Since he was an observant Jew, he would eat only kosher foods. His food consisted of hard boiled eggs, perhaps some bread, but never any kind of meat, for he never accepted offers of trafe meat or anything that he had not himself prepared. He became authorized to slaughter chickens in the kosher

manner in order to be able to indulge in the luxury of eating chicken on rare occasions.

His son recalls that one time his father forget to take along the boiled eggs, and was forced to ask a farmer's wife to boil the eggs for him, but this was a rare occasion.

In Poland, Mr. Reznitzky had been a student at the Yeshiva, on the verge of getting simcha. Had he continued his studies, he would have received his certificate as a Rabbi. But peddling as a means of earning a living did not enable him to continue his studies as intensely. His love of Torah and the study of the Talmud did remain not only as a habit, but his great love, and though his days were spent walking many miles, there was never a night that he did not light the oil lamp and continue his study of the Talmud.

Years later, his son Dr. Joseph Rose of Washington, met a man in Norfolk, Virginia, who was now a policeman in that city. In conversation with him, the policeman told Dr. Rose he remembered his father very well. He was affectionately known as "Preacher Rose," everyone in the community being well aware of Mr. Reznitzky's religious beliefs and habits. Wherever he was, the



Sabbath was observed as a day of rest and prayer, and for this he was well respected. How he earned his nickname is a story Dr. Rose remembers with clarity. While traveling in the hinterlands, Mr. Reznitzky encountered people who liked to engage him in religious discussions, often quoting to him what Jesus had said in the Old Testament on various subjects. They waited patiently to hear his acceptance or reply to such statements. To answer these people with certainty, he read the Old Testament in English, then re-read it in Hebrew. The Five Books of Moses were known to him almost verbatim from his intensive education and his continuous studies. Later when a quote was thrown at him, he was able to point out that Jesus was not mentioned in the Old Testament, therefore there were no such quotes.

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TEMPLE BETH EL, CHARLOTTE

by Fran Burg

This winter has been exciting, what with our adult Jewish studies—this series about "The Jews in America"—and our Forum Sabbath.

Walter Klein and Morris Speizman gave most interesting and stimulating talks, the one looking forward, the latter to the past of Jews in this area. Then Richard A. Oppel, editor of *The Charlotte Observer*, presented an illuminating insight into how stories are handled when dealing with such subjects as the KKK, Nazis, and anti-Semitism. He graciously answered every question at the Oneg Shabbat.

Our last guest was Jack Eisner, author of *The Survivor*, who spoke compellingly on his unbelievable teen years during the Holocaust in Poland, and our responsibility today to carry not only the book but the gun as well, so we and our children can enjoy life.

In between was the lovely Bar Mitzvah of Scott, son Alexis Stein and Michael Schneiderman.

Many are impatiently awaiting the trip to Israel June 10-24 with Rabbi Harold Krantzler and his wife, Helen. There are still some openings. Our last series in adult education will focus on Israel to make the tour even more interesting.

B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION

by Linda Singer

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Hillel Arts Committee, I invite you to the premiere of one of the most

exciting art exhibitions and sales in this state. **MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA: AN EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY CONTEMPORARY JEWISH ARTISTS** will feature some of the best works being produced by contemporary Jewish artists in the state. The show opens Sunday, March 1st, from two to five in the afternoon at the Wesley Foundation Gallery, 214 Pittsboro Street, in Chapel Hill.

A selection of works by twenty-five artists who are currently residents of North Carolina will make up this exhibition which will run from its opening (March 1st) through March 29th.

The exhibition will include works selected to represent the wide range of media and styles that characterize contemporary art today. Pottery, sculpture, and photography are among the media represented.

Pieces in this juried-invitational show are juried by Birute Vileisis, who serves as the assistant to the director of the National Museum of American Art of the Smithsonian Institution.

Proceeds from the sale of works will go towards the 2nd annual community-wide Jewish Arts Festival, to be held this spring. Final plans for the Jewish Arts Festival will depend on the success of the Art Exhibition and Sale.

This exhibition is the result of the combined efforts and expertise of the Hillel Arts Committee, composed of art faculty and community members interested in promoting the Arts in this area.

The Wesley Foundation Gallery is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join us on March 1st from two to five for this exciting new program in support of the Arts. For further information, call Hillel at (919) 942-4057.

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Victoria Reynolds Rauch

RAUCH-REYNOLDS

Victoria Anne Reynolds became the bride of Peter David Rauch Saturday in an 8 p.m. ceremony at Temple Emanuel.

Rabbi Israel Gerber, assisted by Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Temple Israel, Charlotte, heard the couple's vows.

A program of music was presented by violinist Sam Citron and organist Anita Tritt.

Mrs. Rauch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin Reynolds of Rt. 4, Lincolnton, is a graduate of Bessemer City High School and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is a member of the Hand Weavers Guild.

Her husband, son of Sen. and Mrs. Marshall Arthur Rauch of 1121 Scotch Drive, is an associate of Rauch Industries and president of PDR Trucking. A graduate of Ashbrook High School, he attended Lenoir-Rhyne College, where he was a member of Theta Kappa Epsilon.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose Brenda Reynolds of Durham as her maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Ingrid Rauch of New York City, Edie Scarboro of Tampa, Fla., Susan Riddle of Charlotte and Stephanie Rauch.

Sen. Rauch was his son's best

man.

Ushers were Tommy Bradley of Kings Mountain, John Schenk and David Moore of Hickory, Jim Hiatt of Thomasville, Jeff Reynolds and Greg Reynolds of Lincolnton, Wade Frye of Lake Norman, Jay Cocker and Richard Wofford of Lake Wylie, S. C., Bill Landom of Atlanta, and Buddy Ashe, Leon Fillyaw, Nick Mase, Marc Rauch, Johnny White and Scott Chambers, all of Gastonia.

A reception was held at Gaston Country Club following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Rauch will live in Gastonia when they return from a trip to Acapulco, Mexico.

N.C. HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE

by Rose Massachi

On January 20th, the Hebrew Academy held a special assembly in celebration of Tu Bi-Sh'vot, (New Year's Day for Trees). It began with the singing of Hatikvah. The students read some poetry about trees and sang some Hebrew songs relating to the holiday. Then they broke up into groups and planted bulbs in the ground and seeds in peat pots. Paper and charcoal were provided for drawing pictures of the trees in winter. In the spring, the students will be drawing new pictures of the same trees, to compare how they have changed. Each child received a bag containing fruits, nuts, carrots and dates. It was a very fine way to enjoy the holiday.

On January 25th thru 27th, Raphael Panetz, Director of the Academy, attended the Solomon Schechter Day School Principals Conference held at the United Synagogue Building and Jewish Theological Seminary—both in New York City. The conference consisted of sessions in which the administration of the Jewish Day School and its curricula were thoroughly discussed. Mr. Panetz explained that he "gained insights

into various programs for the Jewish holidays and Jewish concepts such as tzedoko". Also, topics such as studying Talmud and Midrash in a traditional way, and whether or not they might be applied to children in the Solomon Schechter School were discussed. Mr. Panetz added that it was very valuable for him to meet many of his professional colleagues and to share ideas and experiences with them.

The annual raffle is now in progress. As in past years, tickets are still \$1.00 each or \$10.00 for a book of 12, and may be obtained by calling Arlene Shapiro, Chairwoman for the project, at (704) 365-0237, or from parents of children attending the Academy. First prize is \$500 cash; 2nd prize is a \$100 gift certificate from Ackerman's, a fine department store in Fort Mill, South Carolina, and 3rd prize is a \$75 gift certificate to Cafe Eugene in Charlotte.

The Hebrew Academy is now seeking two enthusiastic, creative, certified elementary teachers with strong Judaic background. Send a detailed resume, including professional goals to: Doris Bernstein, 1308 McLaughlin Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28212.

YIDDISH INSTITUTE AT WILDACRES

The Yiddish Institute to be held at Wildacres April 30 to May 3 will be the third such annual event of this institution, whose aims include teaching and encouraging the perpetuation of Yiddish as our traditional language. Guest speakers inspire the participants' appreciation of Jewish culture in its various artistic forms, literature, music, and history. The Retreat offers a total Yiddish atmosphere. The enthusiasm of its participants has created a reputation which causes the number of applicants to exceed capacity. This year's program promises excellence.

SHA'AREI ISRAEL OPENS GATES TO INCREASING NUMBERS

YOUTH SERVICES IN FULL SWING

Since we have moved into our new building one year ago in December 1979, our growth in synagogue services has inspired us and others to say that Sha'arei Israel is nothing short of a modern miracle for traditional Judaism in North Carolina. Our building, though small, is in constant use for a variety of services: a fully-staffed and highly qualified nursery, five days a week, an afternoon Hebrew school whose spirit and elan spills over into the rest of the congregation, evening classes for adults, Shabbat and weekday services, teen and pre-teen youth activities of our newly formed NCSY chapters, and even our kosher provisions and meat sales which supply local residents with kosher needs at reasonable prices!

In June 1979, seven forward-looking families under the leadership of Ralph and Mary Gut sought and found a young rabbi who could lead their group in the adventure that was to become North Carolina's first Orthodox practicing congregation in over thirty years. With the organizational help of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Robert Hirt, the group selected Rabbi Label Koplowitz to be their first rabbi. In June ground was broken. Services were held at first in the Rabbi's home and then in the unfinished sanctuary. A Hebrew school was started immediately; the nursery met in the rec room of Ralph and Mary Gut. As the membership increased, so did the spirits of the group. In February 1980, Congregation Sha'arei Israel was rewarded for its growth and vigor by Yeshiva University's Division of Communal Services.

Perhaps the greatest magnet of the congregation for new families is their warmth of spirit. All who

come to our services remark at how welcome they are made to feel, a spirit of fellowship envelops our participants as the services, replete with song, unfold. After services on Shabbat, we sit down to kiddush amidst song and the spirit of good conversation. Our newly formed NCSY chapters lead the Shabbat *Ruach* or spirit.

Another attraction of Sha'arei Israel is the nursery. In the short three years since it was founded by Cathy Herman and Mary Gut, the nursery has grown to three full levels with full-time instructors and four specialty areas. Over thirty children in two, three, and four-year old groups are treated to art, gymnastics, music, and visits by the very popular Rabbi Koplowitz who sings, dances, and plays with the children while teaching them songs, traditions, customs, and even—for the older children—*alef-bet!* Helen Frank and Helen Emmanuel are the fully qualified instructors for the three and four-year old levels. The playground is a special attraction, too.

The Sisterhood of Sha'arei Israel, having sponsored many successful events, is renowned already for its ability to organize. The Sisterhood prepared and catered the congregation's first Bar Mitzvah, as well as a Friday night and Shabbat Shabbaton for members and out of town guests.

The synagogue building also houses North Carolina's newest and most modern *mikveh*. The heated and filtered pool is ingeniously connected with two rain-water pools which take their natural water from the summer rains of the Carolina hill country. The mikveh is, at present, the only one in North Carolina under Orthodox supervision. The design of the collection system was a collaboration by the architect, Dan Sears, Rabbi Koplowitz, and the renowned rabbinic authority, Rabbi Dr. Moses D. Tendler.

Together with the congregation, Rabbi Koplowitz and his wife Yochaved have helped teach and in-

spire many young couples and teach traditional values to an ever-increasing population of North Carolinians who thirst for the knowledge of Jewish tradition. Torah and observance, fellowship and warmth are the products and the by-word of this young congregation.

The congregation cordially invites all who are in the area to drop in and visit with us whether during the week or on the Shabbat. Drop in and pay us a call—the warmth and friendship are there for the asking.

Rabbi Koplowitz and members NCSY Youth Group (L.-R. Andrew Herman, Pam Herman, Nehama Koplowitz, Steven Levin) searching for Chometz. (March, 1980)

A fourth grade teacher was trying to impress upon her students the importance of penmanship. "If you can't write your name," she told them, "when you grow up, you'll have to pay cash for everything."

—*Intermountain Jewish News*

HAPPENINGS AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

by Honey Kridel

On January 18, 1981 at 3:00 P.M., the first wedding was performed in our Temple since we occupied the building in 1975. The wedding of Glenda Hinson and Scott Saperstein was solemnized by our Rabbi Robert Seigel. Glenda was escorted down the aisle on the arm of her Father-in-law to be, Joel Saperstein. Her maid of honor was Shelly Saperstein, and Scott's best man was George Howel. Glenn and Dean Saperstein, brothers of the groom, were ushers. Glenda's twin sister Linda and her husband Michael were here from Durham, North Carolina as was Scott's paternal grandmother, Fay Saperstein from New York. Marsha Saperstein, mother of the groom,

and Bea Halem, grandmother of the groom were also in the wedding party. The reception was held in our newly enlarged social hall immediately after the ceremony. The music was provided by Alan L. Kaufman. After their honeymoon, Glenda and Scott will live in Charlotte. Scott is employed by PCA and Glenda is attending CPCC.

Temple Beth Shalom has enjoyed tremendous growth since the beginning of the fiscal year 1980-81. We started our fiscal year last July with 28 families and now have the resounding total of 55 families, and striving for more. This growth pattern is largely due to our Vice President, Membership, Marsha Saperstein, our President Irwin Pepper and their wonderful committee. We also wish to thank our Rabbi, Robert Seigel, for all his help and guidance these past months.

Our Super Bowl party was a tremendous hit, thanks to Al Alfin and his committee Jeff Einsohn and Bill Callander, President of our Brotherhood Group.

Sherry Callander, President of Sisterhood announces that our next fund raiser will be headed by Honey Kridel, Chairperson, and will be a cake sale on February 14, at the Kroger Food store on Albemarle Road.

Our Judaica shop has been doing extremely well, due to the capable guidance of Libby Behar, Chairperson.

I. D. BLUMENTHAL MEMORIAL LECTURE

Charlotte's Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, and the Jewish Community Center are cooperating to sponsor annual lectures in memory of I. D. Blumenthal. The first lecture will be held this year on April 2nd at Temple Israel. The speaker will be Fania Fenelon, famous for her story of the Holocaust, *Playing for Time*. It was recently broadcast on national television amidst a storm of controversy because Vanessa Redgrave was cast in the starring role. Miss Redgrave has been an outspoken critic of Israel and a sympathizer with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The public is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST CIRCUIT RIDING RABBI— DAVID KRAUS

The Northeast Circuit of the North Carolina Circuit Riding Rabbi Program is served by Rabbi David Kraus. He and his wife, Sonya, reside in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, whose Temple Beth El offers Hebrew School on Tuesdays taught by Rabbi Kraus. Its Sunday School is conducted on the first and third Sundays of the month with the Rabbi teaching the older children. Sheila Wallace teaches the middle class, and

Debbie Beardwood teaches kindergarten and first grade. Special programs are held for the various holidays, and the children learn Israeli dances as well as Hebrew songs.

Rabbi Kraus wrote and participated in a special Ecumenical Service held by the City of Rocky Mount on behalf of the Hostages, Brotherhood, and Thanksgiving. The program was held at the local YMCA and was conducted by the Ministerial Fellowship of Rocky Mount. The Rabbi also gave the Thanksgiving sermon at an Ecumenical Service at the Mount Zion AME Church.

The birth of a son, David Phillip, to Dr. and Mrs. Louis Levy brought joy to the community, and the Rabbi was able to demonstrate steadiness of hand during the Bris. Mazel tov to the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Levy of Winston-Salem.

The Congregation mourns the loss of Mrs. Lena Shugar, Tarboro, and Mr. Isador C. Weller of Rocky Mount. May their memory be for a blessing.

Other congregations served by Rabbi David Kraus are Temple Beth El of Wilson and Temple Emanuel of Weldon. All three are well into the second year of the reactivation of the Circuit.

The Rabbi visits Wilson on Monday to teach Hebrew, make pastoral calls, and conduct Adult Education classes once a month. Friday night services are conducted in Wilson by the Rabbi on the first Friday night of each month, and on the various holidays as his time permits within the requisites of the entire Circuit. This past summer and fall were indeed sad for the community, because of the passing of Charles Barker and Joseph Strauss.

On Wednesdays the Rabbi visits Weldon, and on alternate Wednesdays he also travels to Emporia, Virginia, to conduct classes and Adult Education. On Thanksgiving Eve the Rabbi participated in an interfaith service at the Weldon Baptist Church. This

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has been an annual event in Weldon, and next year Temple Emanuel will be host for this Service. The children of Temple Emanuel held a Chanukah party at which they presented a short play for the enjoyment of the Congregation. The Rabbi teaches only one Sunday morning each month, but Sunday School classes are held every week with Mr. Bill Kitner and Fred Macta teaching.

Tu B'Shevat is celebrated this year with a special "Seder" at each of the congregations. The seven "minim" (seven kinds of fruit and grain) found in Israel are placed on the Seder table, and a service is recited during which slides are shown portraying the Land of Israel at each of the seasons, especially during the month of Shevat, when trees and plants begin to bloom. Oh yes, there are, of course, the Four Cups of Wine, the Four Sons, and the Four Questions.

Somehow, during all of his circuit riding, Rabbi Kraus compiled this report for *Times Outlook* in order to enable our readers to learn more about the lives of Jews within our area. Small Jewish communities of our area are enriched by our Circuit Riding Rabbis.

TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS

by Estelle Hoffman

Helen Friedman of Temple Israel was honored at Friday Evening Services on January 30 for her many years of devoted service to the Temple and community.

Saturday, February 7, offered an evening of fun at Temple Israel. It included music, movies, stories, artistic expression, games, dancing, knowledge and friendship. The warm atmosphere was enjoyed by all at this "Schul-in".

A new Torah has been presented to Temple Israel by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speizman and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Speizman in honor of their

beloved father, Morris Speizman, on this 75th birthday. Morris Speizman is one of Charlotte's illustrious citizens, an exemplary member of our area, author, patron of the arts, businessman of integrity, highly deserving of appreciation for his dedication to the interests of Judaism and mankind.

Ilse and Fred Bergen presented to the Temple a beautiful silver Torah Pointer in honor of the birth of their grandson, Joel Hugh Bergen.

Mary and Simon Wojnowich presented a beautiful silver Havdalah set in honor of their children, Pearl and Alan Mann and Lyba and Harold Rousso.

A second Chavurah is being formed. Participants learn together, and they celebrate holidays together. They select their own topics for learning and discussion and develop warm relationships. Contact Rabbi Rocklin for information.

Couples Club held a "Roast" of its presidents Lee and Larry Levy on Saturday evening, February 14. The event started at 7:30 with a Champagne hour, followed by a Kosher Gourmet Dinner and plenty of laughs during the roasting by members. The Levys have served Couples Club with ingenuity and devotion.

Sisterhood of Temple Israel invited all Older Adults (over 65) to dinner at the Temple on Friday, February 6. They joined in Services with the congregation afterward.

Sisterhood's annual Art Auction was again a successful occasion.

There was a Wine & Cheese party followed by Preview and the Auction conducted by Park West Galleries.

Marc Ben Joseph spoke on Contemporary and Modern History of East European Jewry at the Adult Education lecture on February 22nd in the I. D. Blumenthal Hall.

The second Sing Along of this season was held at the home of Avery and Mickey Waldman on January 31st under the direction of Cantor Frank Birnbaum.

Bonderama continues with the selection each month of winners of \$50 U. S. Bonds. To participate, call Barbara Levin or Mary Wojnowich.

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

by Estelle Goozner

BBW HONORS SOL JAFFA FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 4th, at 11:30 a.m. Charlotte Chapter of BB Women held a luncheon at Temple Israel honoring Sol Jaffa and presenting him with the 1980 Human Relations Award.

Sol Jaffa, a native Charlottean and active service volunteer, is an individual who has made a meritorious contribution to the field of human relations above and beyond his paid occupation or vocation.

Sol Jaffa is known throughout Charlotte for his work with youth. He is city chairman for BB youth organization consisting of 125

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teenagers in the ninth through twelfth grades. There are four youth chapters and Sol directs and advises all four groups to organize and coordinate activities. Their works consist of the Crittenton Home and the Blumenthal Home for the Aged and other worthwhile projects.

As the city chairman of BB youth Sol spends many hours coordinating the young members' efforts and participation with their projects.

A 1950 graduate of the UNC-CH Law School, Sol is currently president of Graham Investment Co. He contributed many hours of volunteer work for PTA groups and is an honorary life president for Temple Israel where he has been on the board of Trustees for 25 years. He was chairman of the youth committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Charlotte Chapter from 1978 to 1980.

Sol Jaffa compiled a syllabus, "How to start a CVS (Community Volunteer Service)" which was accepted and published by the national CVS commission March 1977, and later adopted by District 22 (Canada). The book explains how to plan and execute a community volunteer project. Sol claims it is used throughout U.S. and Canada.

Sol Jaffa's family were in attendance, his wife Janet Jaffa, his daughter Wendy Rosen of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jaffa Sr. (his parents), Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jaffa Jr. (his brother and sister-in-law).

Recipients of the Human Relations Award of years past who were in attendance: Dr. Bonnie Cone—1962, Kath Crosby—1974, Helen Fligel—1976, Sister Mary Thomas Burke—1977, Dr. Jonnie McLeod—1978, Gilbert Brauch—1979.

Terri Cathcart, our president, gave the welcoming address. Rabbi Richard Rocklin gave the invocation, "Sol Jaffa is indeed his

brother's keeper."

Our lunch consisted of salad, chicken gourmet style and all the trimmings.

Vicki Hopkins, our chairperson for the day, introduced Stan Gertzman, our keynote speaker, who honored Sol Jaffa as a humanitarian and a mentch (human being).

David Berryhill, councilman, substituted for Mayor Eddie Knox by presenting to Sol Jaffa a proclamation with the Seal of the City of Charlotte that Feb. 4, 1981 is Sol A. Jaffa Day. Everyone in the hall gave a standing ovation with great applause.

Loretta Barman, our immediate past president, presented Sol Jaffa the Human Relations award Plaque for the years 1980-81.

Sol Jaffa gave his acceptance speech. He appreciated "the great honor of the proclamation given by the Mayor of the City of Charlotte," also honored the prestige of BBW devoted service to the community as Holy Angels, Rehabilitation Hospital, Rape Crisis, Whistle Stop, Senior Women, Sick Loan Chest, etc. He said "don't seek to honor me, but you are applauded for your wonderful work and am most appreciative of this great Human Relation honor."

Mr. Jaffa also received a scrapbook compiled to outline his community services. His parents, (Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jaffa Sr.) presented their son a gift, a beautiful framed picture of Sol as a young child.

Loretta Barman announced that the Nominating Committee, Arlene Shapiro, Joyce Levenstein, Beverley Greenwald, Iris Spil, Barbie Weiner, and Loretta Barman selected a new slate of officers for 1981-82 who were also voted in by the membership, as follows:

Pres.—Vickie Hopkins

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Fund Raising V.P.—Lillie Sutta

Communications V.P.—Beverley Greenwald

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Corres. Sec.—Donna Apple
Counselor—Terri Cathcart
The Avodah Council Delegates:
Arlene Shapiro, Joan Gordon, Janet Jaffa, Loretta Barman, Ann Langman and Terri Cathcart.

Our meeting ended with the Benediction given by Janet Jaffa praising BBW, and may we continue our good work in the community.

A recent report gives the current divorce rate among Jews equal to that of the general population in the United States, with Jews experiencing 38 percent divorce among first marriages and 42 percent of divorce among second marriages.

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YIDDISH INSTITUTE AT WILDACRES

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Institute will be in session from Thursday evening dinner, April 30, until Sunday morning breakfast, May 3. Opening schedule on Thursday, April 30, registration and room assignment 2-5 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m.; welcome, introductions, guest speakers 8 p.m.

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N.C. Association of Jewish Women

CAJW TO HONOR ETTA LEDER

Yetta Leinwand Leder of Whiteville, North Carolina is probably the most outstanding member of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. Fifty years ago, when she left Marion, South Carolina to go "north" as the bride of J. Herman Leder, she dedicated herself to what has proved to be a remarkable life of service to her family, her religion, and her community. She has carried out that pledge of dedication faithfully and successfully and is truly an example of what the modern, intelligent Jewish woman can do. She will be the recipient of a Special Award to be given at the NCAJW Annual Meeting on April 12th.

Although Yetta Leder may not consider herself as what passes in today's jargon as a "women's worker", she has managed to combine and enjoy every aspect of her life. The mother of five children, all of whom are college graduates, she is also a co-founder

Leder Brothers Department Stores and has always been and is still active in the family business.

Ms. Leder's contribution to Jewish life in North Carolina is almost legendary. With tireless devotion and seemingly endless energy, she has criss-crossed the state hundreds of times for the many causes and interests she values. She has been an active member of the NCAJW since 1948 and has served the Organization in virtually every capacity, capped by her election as President in 1964. She served as President for two terms, during which the Organization developed a new vitality. Since that time she has held the position of Treasurer and/or Membership Chairman in an almost unbroken succession of terms.

Recognizing the special needs of the Jewish aged, Yetta and Herman Leder joined the late I.D. Blumenthal and others throughout the state in spearheading a drive to establish a Jewish Home for the Aged. Her active work and legwork (she sometimes travelled 400 miles a month across the state) helped establish what is now the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, North Carolina. She is still an active supporter and member of the Board of Directors of the Blumenthal Home.



Yetta Leder

Always active in her local Jewish community, Yetta Leder helped co-found Beth Israel Synagogue in Whiteville and has variously served as its President and its Treasurer. She has also performed a most unique service in compiling the first census of North Carolina Jewry. This is a task in which she is still involved—annually updating information.

The community of Whiteville and its civic clubs have also benefited from Yetta Leder's active social conscience and generous philanthropy. She says that one of her proudest moments was when

she established the Yetta Leder Loan Fund in conjunction with a college scholarship program that she and her husband had already set up. The scholarship fund selects two recipients each year.

In addition to all of her other activities, Yetta Leder has still found time to be an active member in several Whiteville Civic Clubs. She has been a member of twenty-five years standing in the Whiteville Business and Professional Women's Club; she has also served as Treasurer of the Whiteville Eastern Star for thirty-three consecutive years.

The NCAJW is proud to have Yetta Leder as a member and seeks to recognize her and honor her at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 12th. Her many friends and admirers will be on hand to share this "simcha" with her and to express their thanks to "that wonderful woman from Whiteville" who has contributed so much to the North Carolina Jewish Community.

GALA "DOUBLE HEADER" MARKS JOINT NCAJW-NCAJM APRIL 12TH MEET

"You might describe this Annual Meeting as a 'double header', yes, a GALA 'DOUBLE HEADER'," said Doris Dworsky, vivacious President of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. Ms. Dworsky and Dr. Ronald Mukamal, President of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, will chair the sixtieth and fifty-first Annual Meetings of their respective organizations at an all-day affair on Sunday, April 12th, to be held at Raleigh's new and elegant Mission Valley Inn.

The "double header" refers not

only to the meeting of the twin organizations, but the fact that business and pleasure will be mixed together in liberal doses. Bel Kaufman, the keynote speaker, will provide vignettes of life with her famous grandfather, the Jewish humorist, Shalom Aleichem. Friends throughout the state of North Carolina will have a chance to renew acquaintances while newer members of the state's Jewish community will socialize and meet each other; and a wonderful program topped with Raleigh's inimitable trio of Selma Schoen, Helen Rosenbloom, and Marilyn Wilensky will relive and retell the "good ol' days of the organization".

The morning sessions of the "double header" will be devoted to the important work of the organizations. Each organization will meet separately to review their programs, discuss, and update them. "This is the time for the 'serious' business, the business that applies to the services we perform for the Jewish communities throughout the state," said Ms. Dworsky. The focus will be on projects such as the Blumenthal Jewish Home, the Circuit Riding Rabbi, the Duke-UNC Judaica Studies program, the college loan program, and the like. The NCAJW will also review their activities on behalf of social legislation and social service.

One of the highlights of the afternoon will be the presentation of the **Second Annual Human Services Awards** presented to those men and women of the state who have given of themselves to serve both the Jewish and general communities they live in. Ms. Sally Wade will represent Governor James B. Hunt in making the awards. Ms. Wade has been the Information Coordinator of the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs since 1977. She has a long history of service to the state and has been actively involved in person-to-person projects. Ms. Wade was instrumental in helping to design the NCAJW-NCAJM awards and,

as part of her official duties, works on behalf of the Governor to further volunteerism, which is the touchstone of any caring community of people.

Chairperson for the afternoon sessions will be Susan Karesh of Raleigh. Susan is an excellent example of the young, active woman who can successfully combine career and home. Married to Art Karesh, Vice-President and General Manager of K and R Sportswear, she is the mother of two boys: Barry, 17, and Kenny, 14. She has been the Head Librarian at the Glenwood Towers Branch of the Wake County Public Library for the past six years. Her many other activities include being a register of voters, serving on the Beth Meyer Synagogue Board of Trustees, and the Capital Area Voluntary Action Center.

The April 12th Annual Meeting does indeed promise to be a "double header". Plan to attend this festive occasion when we will be able to "shep naches" (look with pride) at our thriving programs and direct them towards the challenges of the future while we look back with pleasure and nostalgia as Bel Kaufman, renowned author and lecturer, takes us back to look at our collective roots through the eyes of her grandfather. This will truly be an opportunity to **reach out and touch many someones!**

THE BEL KAUFMAN CONNECTION: SHALOM ALEICHEM AND THE NEW YORK SCHOOLS

What do the following: The North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, Shalom Aleichem, *Up the Down Staircase*, and Hollywood have in common? The answer is **Bel Kaufman, the featured speaker at the April 12th Joint NCAJW-NCAJM Annual Meeting.**

Bel Kaufman, well-known writer, humorist, educator, is also the granddaughter of **Shalom**



Bel Kaufman

Aleichem, the most famous Jewish humorist of all time. She will share her memories of her grandfather with us in her talk **My Grandfather Shalom Aleichem: A Survivor Through Humor** at the post-luncheon session. Anyone who has laughed and cried with Tevye and his daughters, hummed "Tradition" or sung "If I Were Rich Man", or crossed the ocean with "Mottel, the Cantor's Son" will find "roots" and nostalgia as well as her famous humor in Ms. Kaufman's talk.

Up the Down Staircase, Ms. Kaufman's prize-winning novel of the "mostly-humorous aspects of teaching" in the New York City Schools, is now in its forty-sixth printing! It was on the Best Seller lists for sixty-four weeks, was #1 in the nation for five months, and won the "Paperback of the Year" award. The book was made into a successful movie and adapted as a play. Ms. Kaufman was praised for her wit and understanding when the book first appeared more than a decade ago, and the praise still goes on as new generation discover what promises to be a "classic".

Born in Berlin, Bel Kaufman spent her childhood in Odessa and Moscow and emigrated to America at age twelve. Although she says that she learned English by "osmosis", she is now a professor of English at the City University of

New York and a lecturer at the New School for Social Research. Holder of an earned B.A. and M.A. with highest honors, she was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree. The latter she uses only, she says, when her telephone needs to be repaired. Then, she tones sternly, "This is Dr. Kaufman; it's an emergency!"

Ms. Kaufman has won many distinctions and awards in recent years. She tours and lectures extensively throughout the United States to university audiences and Jewish audiences; she is also a frequent keynote speaker at educational meetings and conventions and has won the National School Bell Award. She says that she prefers the lecture circuit to writing, "since typewriter keys—unlike audiences—never refuse to give a standing ovation". Nonetheless, she continues to write prolifically and in 1979 published a novel, *Love, etc.* She is presently working on a theater piece and on lyrics for a musical.

Ms. Kaufman's wonderful humorous sense may have come through her Shalom Aleichem genes or may have been nurtured on her grandfather's knee, but it is uniquely hers and uniquely American as well. The Mission Valley Inn is sure to resound with laughter and good humor when Bel Kaufman speaks at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 12th. DON'T MISS IT!!!

N.C. Association of Jewish Men

SHORT CIRCUITS

by Rabbi Reuben Kesner

SAMUEL LEDER

On Thursday, November 6, 1980, Samuel Leder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leder of Whiteville, stood before the Kotel Maaravi in Jerusalem and became a Bar Mitzvah. Samuel is the first of the Southeast Circuit young people to celebrate a thirteenth birthday in the State of Israel.

At a shacharis service supervised by the resident rabbi of the Western Wall and conducted by members of Samuel's family, he assumed the mantle of Son of the Divine Command.

Samuel was accompanied in Israel by his parents and sister, Rachel, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ackerman of Fort Mill, South Carolina, three uncles and a cousin. Following a reception at the Jerusalem Plaza, he and his family toured the land for ten days. He visited Eilat, Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Beyond his Bar Mitzvah, Samuel's trip was highlighted by "a visit to the Dead Sea".

On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, he repeated his

performance in Whiteville's Beth Israel Center for other members of his family and friends. A reception at the Whiteville Country Club brought together, in joy, two hundred guests.



L to R: Nathan Burgen, Samuel Leder, George Ackerman and Robert Leder.

On Friday evening, November 28, he again proved knowledgeable by conducting the Kabbalat Shabbat and the Maariv Service. Samuel's North Carolina grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman Leder of Whiteville.

In his address, Samuel commented, "I have now become of age religiously, and I hope that I can live up to all of the fine examples that my family has set for me and to all the trust you have put in me."

DAVID WAYNE MILLS

A southeast circuit high school junior has been nominated to attend Governor's School this summer. David Wayne Mills, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mills of Tabor City, was nominated following an extensive review process by a selection committee made up of Columbus County's school administrative personnel.

The selection committee reviewed the academic records, aptitude testing scores, class

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12:45 P.M. LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

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kings and the activities both in and out of school in accordance with Governor's School guidelines. Governor's School is open to students that are termed "gifted". The school will run from June 28 through August 8.

rabbi's pride and joy are his students. When others also note their educational talents, pride comes a bursting point. Congratulations, David!!

observe them as your daddy was growing up. They set positive standards for him to emulate and now he will transmit them to you. Your mother's rabbi, I am sure, of what I know of her, can also attest to her wonderful attributes gained from a good Jewish upbringing. May you grow into manhood as a blessing to your family, the Jewish people, and mankind.

For the Record

JOSHUA CHAYIM GINSBERG

In January 6, 1981, Joshua Ginsberg arrived.

He was then five pounds, eight and three quarters ounces. He is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ginsberg of Madison, Wisconsin, the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Ginsberg of Wallace, North Carolina. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Feit of Madison, Wisconsin.

I am only acquainted with the maternal grandparents so I can only speak to Joshua about them. Joshua, I say, "you are a lucky young man for the Noah Ginsbergs—a loving couple—highly respected and admired by the Wallace community and North Carolina Jewry. They project an image of generosity, kindness and love in their home, in their place of business, and in their community. We have had ample opportunity to

by Norman Olshansky
Regional Director
Anti-Defamation League

Church/State concerns and more specifically religion in the public schools is a subject which is receiving greater attention given the rise of evangelical political conservative Christian movements. There have been several recent court cases which have further complicated the issue. While some of the cases have been seen as victories, several others have been setbacks for supporters of church/state separation and especially as it regards religion in the public schools. Prayer in the public schools has been and will continue to be a major issue as will Bible distribution and other concerns such as Christmas celebrations.

Our concern regarding religion in public schools and support for church/state separation as it applies to public schools has been consistent and longstanding. Our approach to private schools by necessity must be very different. Private schools are not subject to the type of constitutional guidelines that exist in the public schools. Therefore we seldom if ever get involved in such matters as they pertain to private schools. A recent case however, in North Carolina, is noteworthy.

This particular private academy

is considered within its community to be a school which offers "enlightened" education. Their brochures include statements that they "encourage people of all races, creeds, and religion" as students and are non-sectarian in their orientation. In essence, they recruit students on the premise that the school encourages pluralism and wants a diversified student population. That is at least what "appears" to be the case.

Recently, parents of a Jewish student expressed concerns to the school administration that their child had been taught the doctrine in school and was being taught doctrinal religious beliefs. The response from the new headmaster was very negative. The matter went before the board of the academy and despite statements that nothing personal was intended, the comments made at that board meeting were very revealing. One board member who was supportive of the Jewish parents was accused by another board member of being a "nigger lover and Jew lover". Another leading member of the board referred to a prominent Jewish businessman in the community as "gouging the public and making money off of Christmas". A physician on the board said that "Jews were coming into the community by the droves and threat-



Irving and Noah Ginsberg and
Pride and Joy, Joshua
Chayim Ginsberg.

ening to take over my practice". He referred to a new doctor in town who it turned out was not Jewish. Another leading citizen in the community who was on the academy board said that "In economic hard times Jews come out ok since they control Wall Street".

Probably the most significant and devastating comment was made in relation to one member of the academy faculty who is Jewish. The headmaster (who was new) said at this board meeting that had she known about this faculty member the teacher would not have been hired. The headmaster was also alleged to have said that the board should not expect to see that teacher on the staff next year.

A private school can engage in religious practices. The problem with the above example is that they are being dishonest in saying one thing and doing another. The parents only wanted the school to either change their statements or their practices. The anti-Semitic responses which came as a result of their concern were shocking to say the least.

Fortunately this is an isolated example from one community. Many people in the community were shocked at the level of bigotry which came out of this "enlightened" board.

It is obvious that there is a need to educate. It is also obvious that the type of role models which are provided in some of our schools needs to be addressed. While it is easier to deal with public schools since there are specific laws that govern such practices, we cannot neglect the fact that private schools are also of concern.

For more information about religion in schools, church/state concerns and religious pluralism, contact your regional office of the Anti-Defamation League, 3311 W. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230 or phone 804-355-2884.

Book Review

PATHWAY TO A FUTURE by Harry B. Stein. Carlton Press. \$6.95.

Mr. Stein, a native of Fayetteville has practiced law and been active in the field of retailing. He has written newspaper and magazine articles and published a book of essays.

In his book, *Pathway to a Future*, Mr. Stein attempts to show in the life of Jacob, his main character, the tremendous significance to mankind's future of each and every life that passes through this world. Mr. Stein makes a strong attempt to convince the reader that the masses of people who pass through life unnoticed, doing ordinary, mundane tasks are just as great and important to the world as those who have infinite talent and extraordinary genius. He says, "Such a man was Jacob, who represents those whose existence fades with the passing years, but whose personification must

endure through the ages mankind is to continue its pathway to a future."

There are many ways in which Mr. Stein shows the type of everyday greatness he refers to as Jacob. The reader will find that Mr. Stein is quite successful in imparting his message through the book in the vehicle of the life of Jacob. It is expressed as the story unfolds by the way the small North Carolina Christian community respects and accepts Jacob the stranger and Jacob the Jew. It is expressed also in the relationship Jacob has with his family.

Although this is basically a "story" of a young immigrant that has been told over and over in many ways, the reader will find that this book has a message to impart as well as an entertaining story to tell.

—by Patty Gorelli

DELIVERANCE AT SHUSHAN

by Muriel Hoff

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Handmaiden of the Lord,
Daughter of Israel,
A joy unto her people.

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Crowned with beauty,
Majestic as myrtle,
Destined to be Queen

ESTHER

Bedazzled King Ahasuerus,
Befuddled traitor Haman,
Raised up wise Mordecai.

AT PURIM

Read the Megillah Scroll,
Rattle noisemakers loudly,
Rejoice with gift giving,
Revel in gay costumery, and
Remember the heroine who
Rescued the Jews of Shushan

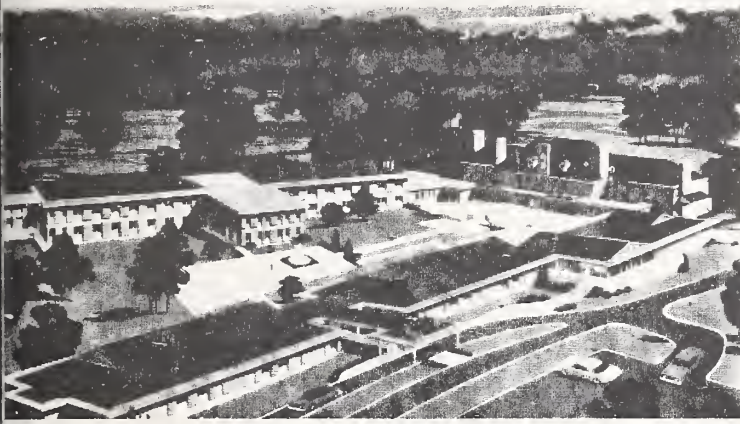
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1981 White House Conference of Aging

Albert E. Levy,
of Development

The 1981 White House Conference on Aging is more than a single event—more than a one-day gathering of 1800 delegates in Washington D.C. in December, 1981. It is a series of events and a variety of activities that began in the community as early as mid-summer 1980 and picked up momentum during the year. In North Carolina, events will culminate at the NC White House Conference on Aging, to be held in Raleigh on March 13-14. Governor James Hunt of North Carolina and Arthur Fleming, US Commissioner of Civil Rights, and Deputy Director of the White House Conference on Aging, will be the speakers.

Section conferences relating to various issues will be reviewed and discussed by 16 different Task Forces. Attendees will have input which will eventually be presented to the delegates to the Regional White House Conference, and finally the White House Conference in Washington.

Previous White House Conferences have been held in 1961 and 1971.

The need for this Conference was demonstrated by the dramatic demographic change in our society and the growing number of older Americans. Today more than 11 percent of our population is 65 and older. By the year 2020, almost 16 percent of the population will be 65 and above. The increasing health and longevity of Americans is a remarkable achievement that presents significant challenges and opportunities for every institution in American life. Both the public and private sectors will have to share in the development of policies to deal with the enormous consequences of this achievement. This is the purpose of the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

The White House Conference on Aging is not an empty political gesture. Previous White House Conferences on Aging have put into motion the legislative machinery that works to resolve conflicts and solve problems.

Since there will be at least 44,000,000 older Americans in the 60+ category by 2020, there is certainly a necessity for a meaningful and productive White House Conference on Aging in 1981.

The Advisory Committee of the 1981 Conference has identified the six major issue areas to be addressed as: Economic Security; Physical and Mental Health; Social Well-Being; Older Americans as a Growing National Resource; Creating an Age-Integrated Society; and Research. A major thrust of the Conference is to emphasize the untapped skills and creativity of older persons and the contributions that older people can and do make to our society. Greater sensitivity to the needs and voices of minority groups among the elderly has been built into the conference plans, so that American Indians, Blacks, Hispanics and Asian Americans will play a major part. So, too, will the special needs of urban and rural elderly and aging women.

The major issues have been

subdivided into 16 subsections with a Task Force Conference for each section. These subsections deal with: retirement income; employment; health services; health maintenance and promotion; social and health aspects of long-term care; family, social services and other support systems; the physical and social environment and quality of life; older Americans as a growing national resource; societal institutions; the economy; the educational system; the church, synagogue and other religious organizations; the family; the media; governmental structures; and research in aging.

Leading up to the National White House Conference on Aging, there have been several mini-conferences held throughout the country. Among these was the Forum on Long-Term Care, sponsored by the NC Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aged. This Conference was held in Winston-Salem and was well-attended by senior citizens, community leaders and providers of care. Several resolutions were developed by the attendees, were ratified by the Association, and were forwarded to the appropriate officials for presentation to the various Task Forces at the State level.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home was honored by having two appointees from the Home selected to serve on Special Task Forces leading up to the North Carolina White House Conference on Aging. They are Elbert Levy and Al. Mendlovitz. Additional information concerning the 1981 Conference will be offered in forthcoming issues of this publication.

Residents Participate in Reynolda House Art Project

Eight of the Home's residents are taking part in a special art appreciation and art exploration course offered at Reynolda House in Winston-Salem. For two hours each Tuesday afternoon for six weeks, they will both investigate some of the paintings and lithographs at Reynolda House and experiment with their own oil designs and colors. They are being assisted by members of the



Okey Bednerik, Carol Grover, Alice Fruh, Rick Rogers, and Grace Schwartz experiment with mixing oil paints. Marjorie Northup of Reynolda House staff offers advice.

Reynolda House staff and several volunteers from Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Besides expanding their interests and abilities in the realm of art, the course provides an opportunity for residents to study the intricacies of Reynolda House itself. Built circa 1920, it retains many of the original furnishing and fixtures that were used when the R.J. Reynolds family occupied it in the early twenties. It also houses a distinguished collection of nineteenth and twentieth century American art.

Abe Fine (Charlotte), Okey Bednerik (Winston-Salem), Elsie Robertson (Raleigh), Alice Fruh (Greensboro), Grace Schwartz (Greensboro), Rose Liebowitz (Greensboro), Rose Block (Greensboro), and Emma Pearson (Arlington, Va.) are currently involved in the course.

Special Services Corps

In January, a group of residents met to discuss beginning a Special Services Corps. This group would provide the volunteer support for some of the special projects undertaken voluntarily by residents of the Home. It would also provide opportunities for those residents who want to volunteer work on a regular basis.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs. Marcia Jones, a second grade teacher at Pinebrook Elementary School in Davidson County. She expressed her interest in developing a corps of residents who would visit the school on a volunteer basis with their children.

As a follow-up to the meeting, several residents went on a tour of the school and discussed volunteer possibilities with Mrs. Jones. The kindergarten children at Pinebrook Elementary are in a special gift when they meet Al Fruh and Rose Liebowitz, both of whom want to spend time with the group of students!



Mary Chizik, Rose Liebowitz, Grace Schwartz, Alice Fruh and Min Tureff en route to Pinebrook Elementary!

BJH Introduces Its Respite Services

Hi, Honey

RESPITE



BALANCING THE SCALE IN EVERYONE'S FAVOR

The word "respite" means an interval of temporary relief or rest, from work or duty; a reprieve. Although community support systems are being designed to help older people stay in the community, thus delaying or preventing institutionalization, the Blumenthal Jewish Home recognizes that much of the primary support for these individuals still resides with the family. Often the family needs help providing the care needed to keep the older person in the community.

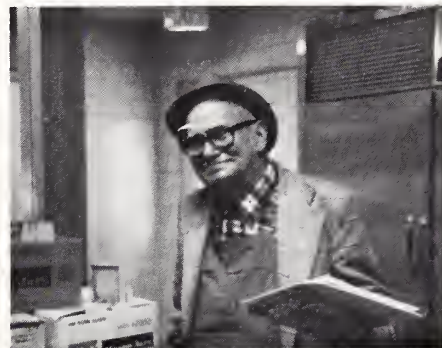
Since this is so often the case, the Home has designed a service to address the needs of the community-based older person and his or her family. This Respite service is meant to provide the older adult and his primary care-provider a break from each other. The older adult would live at the Home for a specified period of time (for example, a week or more), while the person who usually provides the primary care has a respite from caretaking responsibilities for pleasure or business. While at the Home, the Respite resident will be able to take advantage of the same services available to regular residents. Such services include twenty-four hour nursing service, housekeeping and

laundry services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, social services, beauty/barber shop, and others. The Respite resident will be encouraged to become a part of the mainstream of the Home, participating in Home activities as much as he or she would like. The Respite resident and his care-provider may request some evaluations, such as physical therapy or occupational therapy, while at the Home. The results of such evaluations would be made available to the residents and family at the time of discharge.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home's Respite service is designed to provide a safe environment for the Respite resident while addressing the resident's individualized needs. It is meant to provide the care-provider with an opportunity to have time off from caretaking responsibilities, feeling comfortable that the needs of the older person are being properly addressed.

Any older person, Jewish or non-Jewish, who feels a need for this Respite service is eligible to apply. For more information concerning the BJH Respite Service, its costs, and other details, please contact Ginger Morrison, (919) 766-6401.

On a cold afternoon in January, Charles C. Swaim of Wilkesboro introduced himself to members of the Home's Dietary Department as the owner of the largest number of bee hives in the state of North Carolina. Each year he makes a donation of honey to a Home of a different denomination. This year he gave the Jewish Home 36 quarts of honey and 36 honey combs. What a "sweet" thing to do! Thank you, Mr. Swaim!



Charles Swaim

Book Review

JEWISH GRANDMOTHERS, by Sydelle Kramer and Jenny Masur. Beacon Press, Boston, 1976.

Reviewed by Al.A. Mendlovitz, Executive Director

This column usually reviews books that reflect issues of a geriatric nature. We naturally thought that this title would fit into the scheme of our reviews. What could be more appropriate than both grandmothers and Jewish? However, after having read this account of ten Eastern European natives who immigrated to this country, we report to our readers that this book is a very personal history of very galante individuals who at this stage in their lives are now Jewish grandmothers. The focus is on their lives rather than on their "grandmotherhood".

Sydelle Kramer and Jenny Masur, editors of this fine book, present a life review of the very difficult and turbulent generation that came to this country from their

native lands. Coming basically from the pale in Eastern Europe, each of the grandmothers gives a very sensitive series of reflections on who and what society was all about as they grew up. For this reviewer, this book follows on the heels of recapturing the rich Jewish/American heritage that we were exposed to in books such as Irving Howe's *World of Our Fathers*. Different from most of the others, we found in this book a more intimate view of that period, and it was really welcomed.

These accounts are written with warmth and humanism. We recommend it for young folks who want to know what it was like in the "good old days" (which weren't really so good.)

Focus

ON A VOLUNTEER—

GEORGE B. SPRANSY

Although the Home's primary commitment is toward serving members of the North Carolina Jewish community and their families, approximately 1/3 of the Home's residents are members of Protestant denominations. Who ministers to their spiritual needs?

George B. Spransy, pastor of the Clemmons Presbyterian Church, has served as a volunteer in this capacity since October, 1979. Each Tuesday morning he leads the group known as "Friendship Circle" in a brief worship service of scripture, hymns, prayer, and message. Since a few members of the Jewish heritage also voluntarily enjoy participating in this service, Mr. Spransy is keenly aware of a desire to meet their needs as well as the needs of the



George Spransy and
"Friendship Circle"

Christian residents. "Friendship Circle", although specifically a Christian service, does minister to some of these areas and is an integral part of the Home's programming.

Mr. Spransy commended the Home for its excellent nursing care, and added that he was thankful that the Administration of the Home encourages members of different faiths to worship in ways which are appropriate for them. Not only does he take responsibility for leading the weekly worship experience for these residents, but also he has been the pivotal point for interdenominational services held on Good Friday, Christmas, and Thanksgiving. In addition, he visits those residents who, because of illness, are not able to attend "Friendship Circle".

The Home, its administration and staff and residents, owe a debt of gratitude to George for his gifts of time and talent, and for the contributions he makes regularly to the quality of life at the Home. We should recognize here that, aside from his work at the Home, George also is full-time pastor to the Clemmons Presbyterian Church congregation, full-time husband to his wife Alison and full-time father to Beth and Scott!!

Home Recognizes Perfect Attendance

In spite of the Bangkok flu, ice storms, snow, hail, sleet, dead car batteries, flat tires, cases of "the wearies" and the other millions of reasons that keep some of us from getting to work every day, twelve (12!!) of the Home's employees have achieved perfect attendance awards for the past year. The Board of Governors and the Administration of the Home want to publicly commend these members of the staff for their loyal and dedicated service. "We recognize that they have set an example for each employee," said Al. A. Mendlovitz, Executive Director. "By faithfully executing their

assigned tasks, they have assured better continuity of service for the residents while making it possible for their departments to function effectively and efficiently."

Those who had perfect attendance records for 1980 are:

PAULINE ALLEN, Nursing Assistant B-1; TOBY GREEN, Nursing Assistant A-Wing; VERN HOWELL, Nursing Assistant B-1; JIM MERRELL, Chief Engineer; ESTHER PEAY, Dietary Aid; HERBERT PECK, Maintenance; BILLY RICHARDSON, Night Watchman; SHIRLEY RICHARDSON, Night Watchman; JEAN SHAFFER, LPN on B-1; LUCILE SHAW, Unit Manager on B-1; MARTHA SHINAULT, LPN on B-1; and LENA WALL, Housekeeping.

These employees will receive \$25.00 Savings Bond at the General Staff meeting in March. Congratulations, and thank you for your faithfulness!



L-R Herb Peck, Lena Wall, Toby Green, Pauline Allen, Jim Merrell, Jean Shaffer, and Lucile Shaw.



Esther Peay & Martha Shinault. Not pictured: Billy Richardson and Shirley Richardson.

SPECIAL PASSOVER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Passover is a celebration for all Judaism—a time to be shared with friends and family, a time for renewal and reaffirmation. With the awareness that the special preparations required for Passover are sometimes too difficult for the elderly or the handicapped, the Blumenthal Jewish Home is opening its doors to people from the North Carolina Jewish Community who would like to spend their time with us during Passover.

The Home will offer a wide range of activities and special programs in addition to the traditional Seders. Guests will be served three meals specially prepared for Passover daily, and will have the opportunity to share in the spirit of the holidays with our residents, to participate in worship services in the chapel, and to reaffirm their heritage through contact and involvement with others of the Jewish community.

Guests will be lodged at the Clemmons Ramada Inn through special arrangement with their management. The Home will provide transportation to and from the motel.

The cost for the entire Passover Holiday (April 18-26), excluding lodging, is \$150.00 per person. For those who are interested in joining us for only the first two days of Passover, cost (excluding lodging) will be \$50.00 per person. Arrangements may be made for those who would prefer to spend Friday prior to Passover (April 17) with the Home.

Deadline for registration is April 1. For more details about the Holiday Program, and to register, contact: Jan Sawyer, Blumenthal Jewish Home, PO Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012 or call (919) 766-6401.

Clemmons Senior Citizens Group Meets at Home

On the second Tuesday of every month, members of the Clemmons Senior Citizen Club gather together at the Clemmons VFW Post for their monthly meeting and lunch. Since a number of the Home's residents attend the Club regularly, they extended an invitation to the group to hold the January meeting at the Home.



Enjoying lunch, Florence Coblenz, Ida Polashuk, Leon Kaufman, Ida Dorn, Lucille Shaw, Sara Schwartz, Eleanor Kharasch, Ann Lentz, Lillian Sweitzer and Anna White.

Grace Schwartz (Greensboro) and Ann Lentz (Winston-Salem) greeted the guests as they assembled in the auditorium.

Following the business session of the meeting, entertainment was provided by members of the Home's staff and members of the BJH Chorus. Rick Rogers, Recreation Therapist, led the crowd in a sing-along. Sara Schwartz, also of the Recreation Department, sang selections from Broadway musicals "The Sound of Music" and "South Pacific". Members of the Home's chorus entertained with a medley of love songs. Lunch—a covered dish affair—was enjoyed by all! For the 40-odd members of the Club who come from the neighboring community, and for the 31 Residents who attended the meeting from the Home, it was a time of good fellowship and fun.



At the Clemmons Senior Citizen Club's January meeting, held at the Home in January: Mary Chizik, Helen Schwartzman and Elsie Robertson.

1981 Membership Drive Underway

Letters inviting people to become members of the Blumenthal Jewish Home were mailed out in mid-December, 1980. Since that time, a number of new memberships have been initiated. Mr. Seymour Levin, Chairman of the Membership Drive, notes that thus far this year there are almost 300 members: 166 individual memberships, 70 family memberships, 20 Patron memberships, 8 Founder memberships, and 7 new Life Members. Of this group, over 50% represent new associations with the Home.

Annual memberships are paid by those people who want to support the Home on an annual basis. In addition to the right to vote at the Annual Meeting and to receive special mailings, the money raised by these memberships provides a

steady income to assure the continued operation of the Home. In the Annual Membership category, Individual memberships are available for \$25.00; Family memberships for \$35.00; Patron memberships for \$50.00; and Founder memberships for \$100.00. Life memberships (not an Annual category) are available for \$1000.00 each.

The Home is pleased to welcome these new Life Members: Lane B. Golden (Chapel Hill), Carl M. Hoffman (High Point), Harry S. Swimmer (Charlotte), Dr. and Mrs. Leon H. Feldman (Asheville), Mrs. Bernard Gutterman (Greensboro), Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Krusch (Greensboro), and Dr. Stephen B. Mackler (Greensboro).

Since it is a non-profit agency, the Home is dependent upon the generosity of the community. Today it serves more needy elderly people than ever before. 60% of the

Jewish residents living in the Home receive support from the contributions of the community. The Membership campaign is one of several sources that provide monies for these people. Although there are many demands for each person's charitable dollars, members of the Home's Board of Governors urge each friend of the Home to consider making a tax-deductible membership donation to the Home today in order to assure the continuation of its superior care.

MERCHANDISE NEEDED FOR HOME STORE

The Blumenthal Jewish Home has always relied on the contributions and support of the Jewish community across the state. One of the agencies which directly serves the Home is known as the "Home Store", on the grounds of the Radiator Specialty Company in Charlotte. Merchandise is donated to the Home Store for sale. Proceeds from the sales are presented to the Home each year at the Annual Meeting.

In order to maintain and increase their service to the Blumenthal Jewish Home, the volunteers send contributions of various wares, new and used, such as textile products, hosiery, housewares, china, pictures and clothing, etc. Electrical appliances, radios and TV sets are particularly welcome, even if not in good operating condition. The Home Store has facilities for minor repairs, and gets special rates on more serious mechanical problems.

Please help the Home Store carry on by sending shipments to: The Home Store, c/o Radiator Specialty Company, 1400 W. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28208. Visitors to the Home may leave their contributions at the Home for transportation to Charlotte.

Valentine Spirit, 1981

It was a celebration of the day dedicated to sweethearts, romantics and lovers of all ages. And, at the Home, it turned into a beautiful party, planned by Minnie Tureff, Mary Chizik and Luella Morris. Kofi Burbridge and Clif Tretick, flute students at the North Carolina School of the Arts, performed flute duets for the audience's pleasure. Elegant refreshments, provided by the Dietary Department, capped off the special event.

This year, residents on each Unit elected a Unit King and Queen for the Valentine Party. Sara Schwartz and Jan Sawyer, representing the Recreation Department, presented each King and Queen with boutonnieres and corsages of pink and red chrysanthemums. King and Queen of B-2 were Gladys Hixon and Charlie Saltzburg. King and Queen of B-1 were Willie Reynolds and Luella Morris. King and Queen of A-Wing were Sam Cohen and Anna Gruber. Congratulations to each member of the Home's Royal Court!

Donations Needed

The Occupational Therapy and Nursing Departments are soliciting donations of new, wash and wear permanent press fabrics to make adaptive clothing for our wheelchair residents. Fabrics should be pretty prints suitable for daytime wear, preferably cotton blends in lengths of at least 2 yards and no more than 65% polyester.

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Please send donations to:
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Clif Tretick and Kofi Burbridge perform for the audience.



Valentine Queens Luella Morris, Anna Gruber and Gladys Hixon (standing) offer her congratulations.



The Beau Brummells: Charlie Saltzburg, Willie Reynolds and Sam Cohen.

NOTICE: Effective January 1981, the Home's charge for gourmet meals will increase to \$2.00 per meal. Still a bargain at this price.

BJH BETTING POOL! Residents and staff placed bets on the Super Bowl, 1981. Who would have guessed that Oakland would be the winner?? Lucky bets were held by Al. A. Mendlovitz, Executive Director, and Lucile Shaw, Unit Manager on B-2. Congratulations!

What's Been Happening?



Competition Bingo is a regular affair at the Home! Florence Coblenz (Weldon), Celia Gutterman (Greensboro), and Anna Passman (Greensboro) play while Ginny Roach, a student at Wake Forest University, looks on.



Marcia Jones, 1st grade teacher at Pinebrook Elementary School, spoke to residents at the first meeting of the Special Service Corps. Several of the Home's residents are interested in doing volunteer work at the school.



Members of The Winston-Salem Junior League's "Puppets and Players" group entertained residents on January 15th with a rendition of Groucho Marx's "This is Your Life".



Joe Baker, Vice-President of the Raleigh chapter of AZA, gives residents an up-date of their club's activities. Members of the group visited the Home on February 8th.



January's cold days are offset by warm smiles! Here, Jennie Kottler and Sara Schwartz, R.T.



Margie Skeets, LPN, and Sophia Michalove (Hendersonville, NC)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

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May you enjoy a long, happy and healthy life:

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Morris Iskowitz

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Esther Solomon, Charles Goslen and Harry Goldstein.

May their loving memory bring comfort to their loved ones.

It has become a beautiful tradition for people to express their interest in the Home by making commemorative gifts. Over the years these generous donations have greatly enriched the quality of life for the Home's Residents. The prayers and thanks of our Residents are expressed for the contributions made to the Home from January 5, 1981, to February 5, 1981.

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Editorial

by Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler

Some years ago I happened into a supermarket in New York and there confronting me was a magnificent pyramid of Passover Matzos—gay yellow and soft blues—pastel and red lettering. And I could not help thinking: Who ever would have thought it? The "bread of affliction" packaged with such careful, hygienic splendor.

Bread of affliction? Egg Matzo—whole wheat matzo—safflower matzo (for the perpetual dieters)—all "delicious to the taste", "nourishing", with added vitamin riches (vitamins kosher Pesach, of course). What a far cry from the old dry-as-dust matzo burned about the edges, hard, tooth-filling, a real ordeal for the digestive tract. And what a mound of chicken fat or chopped liver it took to make the matzo palatable! Still—it was the "bread of affliction", and Jews have to afflict themselves with matzot on Pesach. Do not misunderstand. The less attractive and tasty the matzo, the more delicious everything to distract one's enjoyment of gefilte fish or chicken soup through the use of delectable matzot.

And we are grateful to God that we may celebrate our Seders richly and in security. Far be it from us to stand in the way of matzo progress in this jet-propelled age. I understand that the first Jewish astronaut will be equipped with a matzo paste packed in a squeeze tube so that his orbital Seder will be complete. (I don't know how they will solve the matzo-ball problem or keep the "afikoman" from floating away into space.)

Be it as it may, the forms of matzo may vary with technological progress, but Passover is here to stay. When before in human history has man more desperately needed to be reminded that his ultimate problem is human freedom—freedom

from hunger, from indignity, from injustice, freedom from the tyranny of inertia, freedom from bias and prejudice, freedom from confusion between means and ends in human life. Down the shattering generations have our people recited the Haggadah and jolted their memories with thoughts of persecutions past and present. What a source of strength and inspiration for the Marranos to conduct the Seder clandestinely, amidst the monstrous inflictions of the church. How many murderous blood libels were heaped upon our ancestors on Passover—infamous charges that the blood of gentile children was used in baking matzo. Down the Middle Ages, enterprising artisans manufactured pictures and wax statues of Jews performing ritual murders to collect blood for matzot. As late as 1952, a bishop in Austria refused to have these horrible objects removed from his churches on the grounds that "the Jews had not yet proved that they never did such things."

It was only natural that the Nazi regime utilized the blood libel fantasy, and it is well that we and the civilized world remind ourselves that we are not so distant from barbarity—that "it" can happen here or anywhere as soon as men forget the message of Passover.

To you and yours go our warm wishes for a joyous Pesach.

In our March issue, we forgot to mention that Sha'arei Israel is located in Raleigh, N. C. Our apologies.

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Carolina Character: Allan Sindler

by Estelle Hoffman

Camden, South Carolina, is the home of Allan Sindler, native of Bishopville. He designed the five-level house in which he and his wife have lived since 1966. He began working for E. I. du Pont in Camden in 1952 as a Process Development Engineer. Except for five years in Wilmington, Delaware, at the Engineering Department, they have remained in Camden. He is now in the Industrial Engineering Section there at du Pont's May plant.

Allan Sindler enrolled in a course in **Sculpture** "just for kicks" when he was 39 years old at the Wilmington, Delaware Art Museum School. He "loved it immediately". Shortly afterward the Sindlers returned to Camden, and Allan enrolled in night classes under Jean McWhorter at the Richland School of Art, which is part of the Columbia Museum of Art in Columbia, South Carolina.

Initially, he worked principally in reinforced concrete. Later he worked predominantly with natural materials, such as marble, pumice (lava stone), limestone, and wood. Some of his statues are fairly realistic, others are geometric, and some create an impression. Sometimes he gets ideas from material he has on hand, which gives him his inspiration. Pumice is "easy to work and has a nice, soft appearance. It has a layered or grainlike effect. It's also light, which is an advantage, if you're going to lug it

around." He kept looking at a chunk of pumice around the house for three years before deciding what to do with it. It is now a man trying to crawl out of stone, which he calls TRAPPED.

There are other examples of his work among the pine trees in his own back yard, some of them unfinished. His favorite theme is Mother and Child. In little more than a decade during which he has



Allan Sindler

been creating sculpture, he has enjoyed several one-man shows and has been represented in numerous art galleries throughout the Southeast and in private collections throughout the United States. He won an Art in Architecture award from the American Institute of Architects for his 12½ feet high fountain at the University of South Carolina's Longstreet Theatre. His

donation of that sculpture was his expression of gratitude for the education received at the University by him, his wife, three sons, two brothers, and his daughter-in-law.

Frank Israel Sindler, Allan's father, emigrated from Lithuania to the United States in 1906. His mother, Pauline Ruth Schwartzman Sindler, was born in Baltimore, Maryland. His parents came to Bishopville, South Carolina, in 1917 to work for an uncle, L. Slesinger. Allan was born in Bishopville October 23, 1925. He had three brothers. Edgar and Jerry, older than he, are both deceased. A younger brother, Merrill, lives in New York City and is a free-lance art director for commercial television.

Allan Sindler graduated from Bishopville High School in 1942 and the University of South Carolina in 1944 with a B.S. in Chemistry at the age of 18. He spent two years in the Army, then returned to USC and graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1948 and a Master's degree in Public School Administration in 1951. He taught Chemistry, Math, and Physics at the Dreher High School in Columbia from 1949 to 1951. He has been working on a Ph.D. in Educational Research for the past three years at night classes.

In 1951, he married Sophie Payeff of Aiken, South Carolina, daughter of Polish immigrants.

Sophie (Skip) is a Teacher's Aide at the Antioch School in Kershaw County. His mother, now 82, still lives in Bishopville.

While Allan Sindler is particularly sensitive to the beauties of art and nature, he is a realistic person, dedicated to moral values and human relationships. At USC he



Over the years, he has designed four houses. In traveling about, you might see huge concrete mushrooms, an eight-foot long turtle, or nine sea gulls with wings

spanning five to six feet, which may be the exciting work of the skilled Camden artist, Allan Sindler.



served as President of Hillel and was elected to KSK Honorary Service Fraternity, and taught Sunday School at the Tree of Life Temple in Columbia, South Carolina. While working with the Camden Jaycees on "Operation Blackboard" to improve educational conditions in South Carolina, he was named Outstanding Young Man in South Carolina in 1955. The Sindlers are now active in the South Carolina Congress of Christians and Jews.

They have three sons: Dr. Robert Sindler, 28, a Veterinarian, who lives in Apopka, Florida, with his wife, Beth McLeod of Camden, and their four children, Julie, Amy, David, and Sean Edgar—the greatest grandchildren in the world—according to their grandfather; Dr. Marc Sindler, 26, in Residency in Family Practice Medicine in Pueblo, Colorado, and Michael Sindler, 22, a Senior, majoring in Art History at the University of South Carolina.

An enthusiastic teacher, as well as learner, Allan has taught concrete sculpture in classes which have been very popular. Allan has an interest in Architecture, too.

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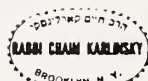
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by Ruth D. Scheinberg

To his everlasting credit, Mr. Reznitzky is remembered by all for his honesty. He never learned, nor wanted to learn, any tricks where a customer would receive less than a full value of purchase. He refused to deal in shoddy merchandise. If for any reason an item was questionable, he chose to bear the burden, rather than compromise his honesty. Dr. Rose illustrates this by recalling an incident, "Papa had a room with a family where he was able to prepare his own meals and stock his merchandise as well. He had recently made a special purchase of pants for a customer and it was carefully packed with other items in his room. When he returned from one of his trips, he discovered the pants were missing. He knew quite well that everyone in the house possessed a key, it was the same key he had, and it was an easy matter for anyone to go into his room while he was gone and rob him. Basing his feelings on his own honesty, it was incomprehensible that these people with whom he lived, would commit such an act."

So well liked was Mr. Reznitzky by the people in the county of Bertie, that in his eleventh year of peddling when he came upon even more difficult times than usual, the officials of the county realized this, and they refused to charge him anything for his peddling license. This kindness was always cherished.

An incident of robbery and murder of a Jewish peddler in the vicinity caused Mr. Reznitzky to reconsider his means of livelihood and to seek another means. It was known that he carried all the money he earned on the route on his body, therefore, he too felt susceptible to such a robbery or even worse, maybe violent action. It was decided in 1915 to move to

Norfolk, Virginia, where he opened a store of second-hand-merchandise and it was here the son remembers how hard his father and mother and all the children in the family had to work to earn a bare living.

His trusting manner was unchanged over the years; both suppliers and customers found him an easy mark. Knowing this, his customers on many occasions presumed on his trust. Dr. Rose says his father bought some blankets from the Army/Navy Store, (possibly three or four dozen, packed twelve to the package). Naturally he paid for them, and just as naturally he did not count the contents of the packages. My brother, knowing how often Papa was being cheated, insisted upon opening the packages when Papa brought them home. Indeed he did find the first package short one blanket, the second one, two, and even the third was short three blankets. What ever profit Papa had intended to make was gone right that moment.

To illustrate the character and thinking of Mr. Reznitzky, Dr. Rose recalls a friend of the family, a Mr. Urquart, a prominent land owner and farmer of much prestige and wealth who took a great interest in this family. He seemed keenly aware of their needs and made it a point to visit the family at least twice a year in Virginia, knowing that Mr. Reznitzky was away from his large family for long periods and there might be some way he could be helpful. When Victor, the oldest son, graduated from high school in 1918 as a bookkeeper and was unable to find a job, Mr. Urquart in his kindness, offered Victor a job in North Carolina, working for him; he knew Victor as a healthy and capable young man and felt he could give him an

excellent future under his guidance in his varied enterprises. He made the offer attractive by assuring him there would be sufficient money to send home for the family also, and Victor would be treated as a member of Mr. Urquart's own family, enjoying all privileges. This fine offer, so desperately needed by the Reznitzky family, was declined by Mr. Reznitzky. Removing Victor from the mainstream of the life of Judaism to life among the Gentiles was a disastrous thought to this man; he did not even entertain the offer. Such a plan was not feasible.

It was during Mr. Reznitzky's first visit to Baltimore that he met a Mr. Ike Hollins, who was then entering another endeavor of business and encouraged Mr. Reznitzky to take over his old route in North Carolina. Friendship developed, even to the point that Mr. Hollins served as godfather at the bris of Joseph. Later the families became further entwined through marriage in the family. Dr. Rose, in reminiscing about his father, tells the story of the naming of his brother: "The birth of the second child born to Hayim and Goldie in the U.S. was another boy, much to their disappointment as they hoped to have a girl child. They had been planning to name the baby for Mr. Reznitzky's mother who had died while he was still a young boy; her name had been 'Freydl' which meant happiness and joy. The Rabbi was consulted to help find a name, and he came up with the happy solution of using the word 'simcha' which means 'rejoicing.' So the name was given of Simcha, which was later Americanized to 'Sam'."

The picture of the peddler trudging down the dusty path may have appeared dispiriting to one who did not know what the pekl

represented to Mr. Reznitzky. He was not dispirited, for he knew this pekl was a means to his end. He knew in which direction he was going. He knew in which direction he was leading his family. For him the Torah and the Talmud had already pointed the way, and he needed only to follow these teachings... that was his world. He was able to impart this love of Judaism to his children, and although he died in his mid-fifties, he did live to see his children continue in the direction he led. His sons and daughters brought honor and distinction to his name, which had now become Rose. The pekl Mr. Reznitzky carried contained great dreams and they were realized.

Many changes came in the life of the peddler as the years progressed. Following the style or the Need to become "Americanized," changes were made in the names of these men. There is a Greenberg who became a Davis. There is a Garber who became a Greenberg. There is a Yampolsky who became known as a Davis, because Yampolsky was unpronounceable and it was easier to be known as Mr. Davis than Mr. David as his customers first named him. Mr. Reznitzky, trudging through the mountains of North Carolina, was willing for his son to be known as Dr. Rose. Still, there were men who held proudly to their original names, whether Russian Yiddish or German, and these names still gleam atop department store buildings in many cities of the

south.

Three generations or more after these young men stepped off the boats and having strapped the pekl to their backs, we find their children reminiscing about them and their early days. In excited voices, they yearn to tell and retell the stories about Papa as a young man, his travels into remote corners of the south, and to remember his accomplishments and laugh again at the repetition of his quick wit. If their pride could be measured, it would be found in their shining eyes, for they are still amazed at papa's insight, his courage, and his endurance against the odds of nature, the difficulties he encountered. But the amazing part, to the listener, is not just the tale of the one Papa, but the fact that all Papas who walked those lonely trails as peddlers seemed to be of one cut. Their dreams and aims were pointed toward similar hopes of success, whatever they interpreted that to be, only the names and the places are different.

Some of these peddlers became known for great and noble deeds. Some even became rich in the world of business they chose. Many, many others did not, but most of these men found life fulfilling. Some may have passed unnoticed by the world around them, yet all were part of the mortar that built a strong people.

The pekl these men carried proved not to be a burden, but a key. A key, which opened a door in America for them.

Letters

I continue to read *The Jewish Times Outlook* with appreciation and pride.

Your recent editorial concerning an analysis of change was direct and thought provoking. I concur. We do live in a civilization of change. It's difficult to keep up.

I appreciate your exposing us to so many interesting matters in the *Times Outlook*. The articles are well written, concise, informative, and Jewish.

Please keep up the good work. I respect you and the *Times Outlook*.

Blessings,

Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin

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Camel Milk: The Ideal Hot Weather Drink

CAMEL MILK: THE IDEAL HOT-WEATHER DRINK

by Fred Pierce

People are dying all over the drought-stricken, arid regions of the world. In Somalia alone, the figure has recently reached into the hundreds of thousands of deaths. Dr. Reuven Yagil, a veterinarian-physiologist at Ben-Gurion University's Center for Health Sciences, specializes in camels and believes that this animal could supply one of the answers in alleviating the problem.

"We came to the conclusion that these animals—which are superbly adapted to the desert, which can survive weeks without drinking water, which can change every physiological mechanism in the body to survive the lack of water and the lack of good vegetation—could be used in the areas of the world where people are dying today," Dr. Yagil explains. "We wanted to have a look and see what this animal can produce.

"All other mammals," he continues, "except the camel, when exposed to heat, lack of water and lack of good fodder have a decline in milk production." So, precisely when the young animal needs more water and food, the mother is providing less.

"We examined the camels. Kept them without water for two weeks, while continuing to milk them, then letting them drink as much as they wanted for one hour. Normally, camels will produce milk that has about 80 percent water with 4.5 percent fat. These camels, kept without drinking water and before they have drunk, have 91 percent water in their milk and 1 percent fat, with an increased salt content as well. If we had to sit down and design what we would want to give a child living in an area that's hot

and short of water, we would need a food that contained a lot of water, a lot of salt, little fat and good nutritional value." This is exactly what the camels produce under harsh, arid conditions.

Dr. Yagil found that his animals produced a minimum of six liters of milk a day and sometimes more than ten liters per day. He's sure that they could do even better than that, but he wasn't milking them so as to produce a maximum amount. How does a cow compare under similarly harsh conditions? "It takes about three cows to produce one liter of milk."

There are far-reaching implications in these findings. One camel could keep a number of families alive, and "a herd of camels could keep quite a lot of people alive, not only for nutrition but also for water," says Dr. Yagil. The following figures help one understand the changes that the mother camel must withstand to produce milk without water intake. "Our camels weigh about 600 kilos and lost a third of their body weight, which means they lost 200 kilos—or liters—of water. They drank this back in three minutes." Dr. Yagil allows them more time for their bi-weekly drinks, though. "We give them an hour for belching a little bit and standing around and chatting."

Total domestication is the next step. "Now, we must use the same knowledge that was used in classical dairying. One must look for the best cow and the best bull and then check a group of the young, finding the mothers that give a lot of milk and using those for reproduction. Eventually we will raise a special breed for giving milk."

Camel milk tastes watery and sweet, never salty, even when its salt content is increased in the

heat. Most people find that it's very good. However, according to the Bedouins "Allah said that the camel won't supply butter," and, in fact, it can't be used for making either cheese or butter. There are also stories that camel milk can prevent baldness and aid virility. While these claims are as yet unconfirmed, they could greatly increase the demand for camel's milk.

A large conference was held in Sudan last month on camel milk, but Dr. Yagil couldn't attend since he's from Israel. He corresponds with the Sudanese, though, through a group in Sweden. This month, Dr. Yagil traveled to Hungary to present his results before an international conference of physiologists. His work is receiving international attention, and his finding have been accented by the most prestigious scientific journal on milk, the *Journal of Dairy Research*.

Editor's note: *The writer of the above article does not deal with the question of whether camel's milk is kosher, since its flesh is not. This matter should be of importance in Israel.*

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MAXIMUM ECONOMY

A plastics plant in Beersheba offers an annual prize of 2,000 shekels to the employee who has the best suggestion for efficiency or economy in the plant. This year the prize went to Yosef Al-Halabi. His proposal (which was adopted) Reduce the prize to 1,000 shekels

Carl Alpert

TORAH
DEDICATION CEREMONY

by Estelle Hoffman

Across from Temple Israel in Charlotte, at the intersection of Morehead and Dilworth Avenues, is an island that has been named HOLOCAUST SQUARE in memory of victims of the Nazi persecution. In view of the plaque erected there in memory of Jews and all others who died in that Holocaust, hundreds of our people gathered on Sunday morning,



March 1st, to participate in a ceremony dedicating a new Torah to Temple Israel. The Torah was donated by Larry and Robert Speizman, their wives and children, on the occasion of Morris Speizman's 75th birthday. Members of Temple Beth El and their Rabbi, Harold Krantzler, joined in celebrating the event.

It was a beautiful day in Charlotte, with birdsong and emerging buds on trees and shrubs contributing to the joyful spirit, as Rabbi Rocklin started the ceremony, expressing the significance of the Torah in Jewish life. The presentation was made by Larry and Robert Speizman, in tribute to their father's lifelong observance of Jewish ritual and his constant concern for all humanity as well as his own people.

From Holocaust Square to the Temple, the grandchildren of Morris and Sylvia Speizman carried the Chuppah under which

the Torah was carried by Morris to the doors of Temple Israel. There they were met by Douglas Mann, Sol Levine, Ira Schulman, Jerome Levin, Sol Jaffa, Fred Bergen, Charles Meltzner, and Hugo Rosenberger, carrying Torah scrolls from the Ark of the Temple. There were no vacant seats within the Sanctuary, where all the Torahs were carried, encircling the

Scenes from the Torah Dedication at Temple Israel in Charlotte.



gathered congregation.

Calling the occasion a highlight of his life, Morris Speizman presented the new Torah to the President of the Congregation, Marvin Barman, who passed the Torah to Ernest Friedman, who led the Congregation in singing the Shma, then placed the Torah in the Ark which had been opened by Judi (Mrs. Leonard) Straus, Congregation Secretary.

A silver breastplate for the new Torah was the gift of the family of the late Alfred E. Smith in his memory. Also adorning the Torah are silver crowns, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Madans in memory of his sister, Sadie. The silver yad was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bergen in honor of their grandson, Joel.

Gathered outdoors at Holocaust Square, we were mindful of the blessings of our freedom in the United States of America, where we may gather openly to celebrate our traditions and beliefs.

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Kibbitzing-Community News

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte BBW had their membership luncheon on Wednesday, March 4th, at 11:45 a.m. in the Microwave Cooking Shop in the new Carmel Commons Shopping Center on Carmel Road on Highway 51.

The new members and life members who were present were honored, each with a lovely carnation. The carnations were in a variety of lovely pastel colors.

The new member who came was Raena Siegel who surprised us on becoming both a new member and a life member that day. The other new members in attendance were Reggie Witten, Toby Silber, Janet Rubin, Mae Krapp, Susan Dubrow, Linda Binnick, and Claire Meil. Besides receiving a flower, a membership certificate and membership pin was given to each member.

The life members in attendance were: Terri Cathcart, Iris Spiel, Rosaline Mann, Lillian Sutta, and Elizabeth Klein.

We have to date 115 paid-up members and 50 life members.

Barbie Wiener announced our new slate of officers and new Avodah membership slate, which was voted on and accepted unanimously by the membership.

On Sunday March 22nd, BBW will join the Men's Lodge to go to the Veterans hospital in Salisbury with many baked cakes and other goodies and their good cheer which is truly welcomed.

The senior women recently stuffed 5,000 kits for the American Cancer Society. They, in return, also received an award for their continued efforts to this agency. Toby Silber announced that BB Youth is still selling Bartons Candy for the Passover holidays and is awaiting orders.

As the program for the day, Ms. Sara Lonon of Microwave Cooking Shop demonstrated the art of cooking in a microwave oven. She prepared our lunch of Salmon Spinach and Broccoli Au Gratin, Noodles Parmesan, Peach Cheese Cake, Old Fashioned Carrot Cake and Fudge "Tout de Suite".

The ladies who own Microwave ovens learned some recipes that day to be put to good use at home.

The Charlotte Lodge of BB had once again a successful 1981 lecture series. On January 11, Murray Horowitz, "An Evening of Sholom Aleichem"; on February 15th, Rabbi Marc M. Tannenbaum, "The Decade of the 1980's—A Jewish Perspective", and on March 1st, Immanuel Jakobovits, "Jewish Medical Ethics". All the programs were held at Temple Beth El.

RABBI FABIAN OF GOLDSBORO RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE FROM HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

NEW YORK—Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion awarded the degree of



Rabbi Fabian

Doctor of Divinity to Rabbi Tibor Fabian of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Rabbi Fabian is the rabbi emeritus of Temple Oheb Sholom of Goldsboro and since 1963, has been the auxiliary chaplain of the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in that city.

The honorary doctorate was conferred by Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, Hebrew Union College president, at Founders Day Exercises of the New York School of the College on March 17.

Rabbi Fabian was born and educated in Hungary. His seminary training was at Franz Joseph Jewish Theological Seminary and then at the Judesch Theologische Seminar in Breslau where he was ordained in 1934. He also earned his Ph.D. degree in 1930 from Pazmany Peter University of Budapest. He served as a rabbi in Budapest until he was taken by the Nazis in 1944. Upon his liberation in 1945, he came to the United States and served as rabbi in various southern pulpits.

SOUTHERN BRANCH WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

The 22nd annual Conference of Southern Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will be held in Charleston, South Carolina May 3, 4, 5 and will be hosted by Emanu-El Sisterhood.

The theme for the Conference is "Therefore Choose Life".

Mrs. Lillian (Billie) Rubinoff (Mrs. Edward), of Vineland, New Jersey will be the Consultant Speaker. She has a degree from the University of Penna., where she was a cheer leader and played on the basketball and tennis teams. She was elected

three Honor Societies and was the recipient of the Dean Crawford Award as the outstanding college senior. She also served as first Jewish woman student Government President. She held various jobs as a girl and knew the value and enjoyment of work, be it soda clerk, waitress, elevator operator, a swimmeet referee or a camp counselor. For the past 25 years, she has been working in the field of Investments. Her Jewish education was never neglected. She comes from an observant home with an extensive Judaica collection. Billie's parents were the founders of the Beth Israel Synagogue in Vineland, New Jersey in 1924. Her father served as President of the Congregation and her mother as President of the Sisterhood. Their influence is still felt by their children. Billie has been President of the Sisterhood and her husband, Edward, is a Past President of the Congregation.

She has taught Sunday School and continued to take adult courses in Vineland and at Gratz College in Philadelphia. For Women's League she has been a Discussion leader for years, has taught over 3000 women and helped to develop other leaders in many Jewish communities in the United States and Canada. Her multi-faceted background served her well and serves Women's League well in her extensive volunteer work.

As an English teacher in the Vineland schools she organized the student government and the local chapter of the Junior Red Cross. In the community she helped form the Girl Scout Council of Cumberland County. Her services have also benefitted the Vineland groups of Adassah, Red Cross and UJA, American Association of University Women.

Not only has she been President of her own Sisterhood and President of the New Jersey State Branch, she was honored in 1969 by the Southern New Jersey Branch with the creation of the Billie Rubinoff Award for Branch Service. In 1974, she received the Jewish Theological Seminary's

Community Leadership Award. In 1976 she was appointed to the Jewish Theological Seminary's Board of Overseers.

She has served as a member of the National Board of Women's League for many years, having been a Vice-President, the first Membership Chairman, a valued



Billie Rubinoff

member of the Leadership Training and Field Service Committees, served ten years as National Parliamentarian, for Torah Fund-Residence Halls "Wills and Bequests" Chairman, member of the World Council of Synagogues, 1979 International Convention committee. Currently, Billie is the National Affiliation and Retention Chairman of Women's League.

She was nicknamed "Billie" as a child because she was included in her brother's baseball and football teams.

The overall Chairman for Southern branch Conference is Mrs. Andrea Glazer, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. Charlot Karesh, of Charleston, who is a past president of Southern Branch, is chairman of local arrangements.

Mrs. Myra Hoffman, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is president of Southern Branch, which is composed of twenty-two Sisterhoods from New Orleans, Pensacola, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, CHARLOTTE

by Estelle Hoffman

On Sunday, March 1st, the children of Morris Speizman honored their father on his 75th birthday by presenting a new Torah to Temple Israel. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speizman and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Speizman made this presentation by escorting the new Torah under the Chuppah, and invited the entire congregation to attend the service.

Temple Israel has adopted a new program called "Adopt a Grandparent". The aim is to offer companionship and comfort to Jewish people who live far from their families. It promises to be mutually rewarding.

Adult Education presents the second film of the current season on Sunday, March 8, at 8:00 p.m. *Cast a Giant Shadow* stars Kirk Douglas, Angie Dickinson, and Hayim Topol and is based on the exploits of Colonel David (Mickey) Marcus, who fought in the war to establish the State of Israel. The dialogue is English.

Sisterhood continues its BONDERAMA. Last month's winners of \$50 U.S. Bonds were Helga Rosenberger, Ellie Katz, Tobey Silber, and Mary Wojnowich. More \$50 Bonds to be awarded monthly until June, when additional Bonds will be prizes, in \$100, \$450, and \$900 amounts. One \$25 ticket is required for participation in the drawings. Call Barbara Levin or send your check to her.

March 11th is the date of the Sisterhood PAID UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON at Temple Israel. An exciting program will be presented. Call Muriel Levitt for reservations.

February 22nd was the date of two important events. "Contemporary and Modern History of East European Jews" was the subject of Marc Ben-Joseph in the morning, sponsored by Adult Education Committee in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall. At 6:30 p.m., Sisterhood held its Preview of an

Art Auction with wine and cheese. The auction started at 7:30 p.m. This is one of Sisterhood's annual events, repeatedly well attended and enjoyed by the community.

A SING ALONG is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 28th, at the home of Toby and Lewis Spitzer, directed by Cantor Frank Birnbaum. Refreshments. Call Ellie and Ron Katz for reservations.

Fania Fenelon will speak at Temple Israel April 2nd. Her experiences were portrayed in the recent film, *Playing for Time*. She is a survivor of Auschwitz.

program.

Members of Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah are requested to make luncheon reservations by Wednesday, April the 1st. Forward a check for \$3.50 per person to: Hadassah Education Day, 4911 Pine Ridge Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211. Your check will be your receipt for the meal. All reservations must be received by Saturday, April the 11th.

We hope that others from the Charlotte public will share this educational event with Hadassah. For any further information, please call Shila Elden—telephone 847-2211.

HADASSAH EDUCATION DAY LUNCH

by Henrietta Wallace

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah will honor Education Day, Tuesday, April 14th, with a very special program and luncheon meeting. This 11:00 a.m. affair will be held at the Jewish Community Center.

The subject of the planned panel discussion will concern the question, "How will the rise of the political and Christian Right effect Jewish-Christian relations?" Members of the panel To-Date will be: Mr. George Daly, attorney from Charlotte; Rabbi Harold Krantzler, Temple Beth El, Charlotte; Reverend Julian Cave, Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, and Mrs. Vivian Rothstein, Director of the North Carolina Coalition for Choice. There will be a question-and-answer period following the

B'NAI SHALOM SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL GREENSBORO, N. C.

by Ronnie Kutchei

February and March have turned out to be filled with exciting activities: B'nai Shalom choir wowed the women at an ORT meeting with their Ruach—enthusiasm—and with their singing. They are presently rehearsing a program to be presented at the Friendship Circle at Temple Emanuel. The current choir members are Alan and Jeremy Baggish, Allison Cook, Michal Cohen, Scott Kabat, Andrew Mackler, Debbie Milgrim, Simone Obadiah, Deborah Shaffir, and Michelle Spring. A special treat for ORTists occurred when Allison

Faust, a kindergartener, surprised her mother who was program chairperson, by singing with the choir.


February 26th brought very special guests to our school. Danny Nadri and Rozett in Israel were enthusiastically accepted.

February 27th culminated our mid-year club sessions with a presentation geared to American history. The drama club transformed themselves into the mice family which lives in the Statue of Liberty and let us share a part of their family life. The singing group presented a rousing program of American songs. The writing club shared their creations which were penned following their experiences with O'Henry at the museum and at the old Fordham Drugstore in town as well as a trip to Battleground Park.

A huge map of the United States formed the background for the presentation. The map was drawn by the American Places of Interest Club and had pictures of our students attached to their places of birth from California to New York. The Handicrafts Club proudly displayed their beautiful work and the Cooking Club treated all of us to such American staples as apple pie, pumpkin and corn breads. A good time was had by all.

March 6th saw Tzedakah in the true sense of the word, involving soul, body and money. The entire student body participated in a three-hour "Jump for Heart" marathon. They jumped forward, backward, sideways, with crossed arms, fast, slow. Everyone was tired but glowing. The final results will be reported next month. The students have also completed making centerpieces to grace the dinner tables at the annual "Cadillac Dinner". They sure felt great being an important part of the effort and festivities.

To further enhance the students artistic appreciation, visits were made to Weatherspoon Art Gallery where highly informed docents explained the exhibit to the children. Hands-on activities



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rounded out these well worth-while field trips.

The economic sense of the children is also being enhanced in an exciting and creative enterprise involving the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The students have created an economic society with its own monetary system, economic laws and activities. The ingenuity and enterprising spirit of the children as they engage in this learning process has been rewarding to observe.

March culminated with a celebration of Purim. A costume parade was held. Hamentashen were eaten and roles were reversed as the parents entertained their children with a Purim Spiel. It sure was a fun-filled day. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyful and a happy Purim.

Recruitment for the 1981-82 school year has been in progress. Anyone who is interested is urged to contact Ronnie Kutchei at the school (919-855-5091) or Merryl Shaffir, recruitment chairperson (919-294-0768). If you are not acquainted with our school, please accept our open invitation to come to B'nai Shalom at any time.

Best wishes to Circuit Riding Rabbi Reuben Kesner of Whiteville, North Carolina, who is recovering from an illness. His friends and members of the communities which benefit from his services join in prayer for his refuah shlaymah.

PETRI-GOLDMAN WEDDING

Liza Petri, daughter of Mrs. Jean Zitomer of Houston, Texas and Dr. Kenneth Petri of Denver, Colorado, married Richard Jay Goldman, son of Carol and Raymond Goldman of New Bern, North Carolina.

They were married on January

25, 1981 in the Temple Emanu-El in Houston, Texas by Rabbi Robert Loewy.

Best man was Steven M. Goldman of Rock Hill, South Carolina, brother of the groom. Maid of honor was Valerie Petri, sister of the bride.

The reception was held at the Hilton West in Houston.

Richard Goldman is an industrial photographer, and Mrs. Goldman is in retailing.

N.C. HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE

by Rose Massachi

The N. C. Hebrew Academy's Annual Patron's Dinner will be held this year on May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall at Temple Israel in Charlotte.

At the dinner the Academy will have an opportunity to honor seven Charlotte women, known as the "magnificent seven", who have contributed their many services to the Academy, in making it a quality Hebrew day school. These women are: Wilma Asrael, Martha Brenner, Beryl Fishman, Ruth Goldberg, Maxine Levine, Rita Mond, and Sally Schrader.

In addition to honoring these seven women, the patrons will be fortunate to hear Mr. Zvi Harry Hurwitz, Minister of Information in Prime Minister Begin's Cabinet. Mr. Hurwitz originally came from South Africa, where he was Secretary-General of the Zionist Revisionist Party and editor of *The Jewish Herald*, the major Jewish newspaper in South Africa. When Mr. Begin became Prime Minister of Israel, Hurwitz made aliya to Israel to serve as advisor to Begin. He has been Minister of Information for one year. He is known as a dynamic speaker and has been compared with Abba Eban, who is also from South Africa. Mr. Hurwitz has also written a book entitled, *Menachem Begin*.

The dinner will be preceded by a

cocktail reception. Food arrangements for the kosher reception and dinner will be supervised by Academy parent, Peggy Gartner, who is a partner in a catering firm with Janet Lefkowitz and Mary Ellen Hessberg. As in the past, the annual event is open to a limited number of patrons. Patron tickets which are \$100 per couple, are tax deductible. Early reservations may be made by calling either Mel Berzack, Dinner Chairman, at 554-7584 or Dr. Stephen Fishman, Academy President at 537-0220.

The children at the Academy have been busy this spring working hard on a P.T.A. sponsored candy sale. Each student received a minimum of 30 chocolate bars. This was a huge success, and the students are to be congratulated for their efforts. According to P.T.A. President, Patti Freeman, the proceeds have amounted to nearly \$700. This money will be used for a weekly trip by the students to Weyandt's Gymnastics, Inc. on Old Monroe Road.

In the later part of February, Raphael Panetz, Academy Director, traveled to the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged in Clemmons, North Carolina. He spoke on "Old Age and the Bible" and found it a very rewarding experience to share some time with the residents. Plans were made for an Academy trip to the Home on March 20th. Before the trip, the students wrote letters introducing themselves and telling the people they would be coming to visit them.

On March 20th, the students traveled by bus and arrived at the Clemmons site at about 10:00 a.m. As in the past years, a good rapport was established right away between students and residents, and the gap in age became irrelevant. A short program included a Purim play put on by the 2nd graders. The residents of the Home had a chance to lead small groups of children on tours thru the Home. It all ended with a sing-a-long in full Purim spirit and the students were presented with a gift of

Hamentaschen.

With the Jewish Community Project coming closer to being a reality, architects from the firm Wilber, Kendrick, Workman, and Warren recently visited the Academy and presented a slide show of various modern facilities. This opened the children's minds to suggestions for their own "Dream School". Grades 5 and 6 drew blueprints of an entire school, which were very detailed and well thought out. Here are some of the wishes of all the students: quiet school and self-contained classrooms; lockers to keep own belongings safe; prayer room; round auditorium; music room; cafeteria; science labs; lofts for reading; attic library; book store and game room; gymnasium and workout room; study hall and computer room, and swimming pool.

This verbalization of their dreams was worthwhile expressing to the architects, because they are the students who know what the Hebrew Academy is actually all about and what its goals for them are.

BURLINGTON, N.C. NEWS

Burton S. Brevda, president and owner of Brevda Container Corporation in Burlington, was awarded the Free Enterprise Award by the Graham Jaycees at their annual awards presentation banquet January 28th.

The Free Enterprise Award is a new Jaycees award presented annually to the young man in Alamance County who has been successful in his own business and has contributed to the community through his business endeavors.

Brevda, who started his company in 1974, attended Walter Williams High School, Elon College and UNC-Wilmington. He is married to the former Melody Bell of Currie, North Carolina and has two sons, Ryan and Scott. Brevda is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brevda, also of Burlington.



PASSOVER HISTORY

by Lazar Chotiner

Q. *The story of Passover is explained well in the Bible. How does it relate to Egyptian history? In what dynasty did it take place?*

A. The 15th and 16th Dynasties in Egypt were ruled by Hyksos Pharaohs, and are called the Hyksos Dynasty, when alien shepherd kings ruled Egypt. That is probably when Joseph came to Egypt. Then came the 17th Dynasty, whose rulers were Amenhotep I, II, III, Iknahton, the king who believed in one god, the Sun God, Aton. Iknahton's

wife was Nefertiti. Iknahton was followed by his brothers, the last of whom was Tutankhamon. Then there were Aye, Horemheb, Ramesis I, Seti, and Ramesis II.

It was during the reign of Ramesis II that the Moses story and the Deliverance occurred. There is no mention of the Bible story in Egyptian history. The Pharaohs had a way of destroying all unfavorable history, telling only stories of their victories in battle, even if they never fought a war.

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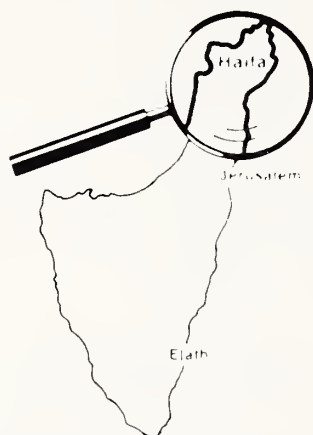
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Inside Israel



AN ISRAELI IN GREECE

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA—Greece is only an hour and a half flight from Ben Gurion Airport, which perhaps explains why so many Israelis go there for vacation. This Israeli took the trip, and not very long after seat belts were fastened we began the descent to Athens. We share with you some random impressions that might be somewhat different from those of the usual tourist.

On many of the antiquities we saw disgraceful graffiti scratched or painted onto the rocks in a dozen or more languages, but to our great pride we found not a single inscription in Hebrew. It was not for lack of any Hebrew speakers. On at least one of our sightseeing buses Israelis constituted the largest single national group, though all of us had come independently of each other.

Our neighbors were in great evidence in Athens. Many stores display sales signs in Arabic, and news stands carry Arabic papers. We bought a copy of the *Saudi Gazette*, published in Jeddah, and the *Arab Times*, published in Kuwait, both in English. From their columns, we learned of the plans to place U.N. sanctions on Israel; of the discovery in Saudi-Arabia of a medicinal water which cures scabies in camels; of a new law

which calls for confiscation of shotguns found with children in city areas; an editorial complaining that students at Kuwait University are so unsophisticated they don't even know how to cheat properly, and much more.

The magnificent Temple of Athena on the Acropolis next to the Parthenon was built by Greek volunteers in the middle of the fifth century B.C.E. to celebrate the defeat of the Persian invaders. What project in Israel could command a great outpouring of volunteer support from world Jewry, and stand as a memorial to their efforts for a thousand years or more? And we thought: the digging of the Canal from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea—an opportunity for a major demonstration of support for Israel through a constructive undertaking. Perhaps we could learn from the Greeks.

There is much we could learn from the Greeks. They are polite, helpful, honest and know how to take care of tourists, though their language is—well, Greek to us. What can one say for a language in which *neh* means *yes*, and *o-keh* means *no*! In restaurants, we did master and properly pronounce *o-key kray-ass* (no meat).

We visited the Jewish Museum in Athens, the first museum in the country devoted to the history and culture of an ethnic minority. It is a labor of love by Hanan Stavroulakis, director and curator. He is preserving physical and visual testimony of one of the fascinating Jewish communities of Europe, one whose unbroken and continued existence can be traced for more than 2,000 years.

Hanan insists that his museum is dedicated to life, but it is also filled with memories of death. One of the most striking: 15 canvas bags filled with the petty belongings of the Jews of Thrace and Macedonia

who were rounded up and turned over to the Nazis. Trustingly, they got "receipts" for their valuables. The bags contain family pictures, rings, silver spoons, watches, etc.

Someone, somewhere, should give this museum generous much needed support.

We took the Athens subway from Omonia to Piraeus and from Monastiraki to Kifissia, and wondered when Tel Aviv would solve its transit problems with an underground. We climbed to the Temple of Apollo at Delphi presented our problems to the Oracle, and got the same reply we received when we tucked our little note into the cracks of the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Against the advice of the natives, we climbed the 980 steps leading up to the foot of Palamidi in Nauplia and found far less fatiguing than our climb to Jebel Musa in the Sinai. The teleferik funicular up to St. George's Church was not as impressive as that to the grottoes of Rosh Hanikra, but the view from the top was magnificent.

We scrambled over old temples at Epidaurus and Aegina, Corinth and Poros; we wandered through miles of museum corridors and saw millions (it seemed) of Greek urns. We saw evidences of Hellenic and Mycenaean and Minoan civilizations. We heard of Zeus, Apollo, Athena, Hermes, Pan and Aphrodite; of Pericles, Socrates, Herodotus, Phidias, Homer and Alexander.

We boarded the plane for home and came back to Jerusalem, Haifa, Tiberias, Safed and kibbutz Degania; to the land of Abraham and Joshua, David and Solomon and Isaiah; to the home of Judah Hanassi, Josef Caro, the Ari and Yoel Moshe Salomon; Josef Trumpeldor, Ben Furion, Chaim Weizmann and S. J. Agnon.

Athens and Jerusalem—the subject for philosophical contemplation.

N.C. Association of Jewish Women

Nate Wegodsky

"Reach Out and Touch Someone" will be the theme of the joint annual luncheon meeting of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men.

The affair on Sunday, April 12, will be at the newly refurbished Mission Valley Inn in Raleigh. It will be the 60th annual gathering for the women and the 51st annual gathering for the men.

NCAJW President Doris Dworsky and her committees have prepared a program that mixes seriousness and humor.

The guest speaker will be writer and teacher Bel Kaufman. She has followed her bestseller *Up the Down Staircase* with her second novel, *Love, Etc.* Her topic will be, "My Grandfather, Sholom Aleichem: A Survivor Throughlaughter". It has been said, "She begins by making her audience laugh, and ends by making them think."

The NCAJW will honor Yetta Leder of Whiteville with a Meritorious Service Award. It will recognize her work as president, treasurer, and membership chairman, and her continued commitment to the organization. and also her contributions to Jewish and community life. The presenter will be Cyril Jacobs, president of the Board of Governors of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Mrs. Leder is a member of the board.

Executive Director Al Mendlovitz will report on the Home.

Four women and four men will receive North Carolina Human Services Awards. The awards have been established by the NCAJW, the NCAJM, and the governor's Office of the Citizen Affairs. They will be presented by Sally Wade,

information resources coordinator of the citizens office.

Ex-presidents of the NCAJW also will be honored.

And lifetime scrolls will be presented to six women who have been members of the organization for 50 years.

A "Songs of Sentiment" program will be presented by Raleigh's Selma Schoen, Helen Rosenbloom, Marilyn Wilensky, Elizabeth Levin and Geraldine Levine. Meryle Freedman will be at the piano.

Before the joint meeting opens at 12:45 p.m., there will be separate open meetings of the women's and men's organization. A wine and social hour will start at noon.

Susan Karesh of Raleigh, who has been active in community affairs, will be chairperson for the joint meeting.

"Mark April 12th on your calendar as a time to renew friendships statewide and to rededicate yourself to the work of the organization," say President Dworsky of the NCAJW and Dr. Ronald Mukamal of the NCAJM.



Bel Kaufman, at age 1½, with her grandfather, Jewish humorist, Sholom Aleichem. Ms. Kaufman, novelist, teacher and lecturer, will speak in Raleigh on Sunday, April 12th, at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men.

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by Estelle Hoffman
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3 tbsp. potato flour
¾ cup ground or finely chopped nuts
½ teaspoon salt
2 tsps. lemon juice or other flavor, plus grated rind of one orange or lemon

Beat together egg yolks and sugar until light. Sift together cake meal and potato flour and add. Then stir in nuts and flavoring. Beat whites until stiff, adding salt to them. Fold them gently into mixture and bake in 325° oven for 45 to 60 minutes. May be baked in chiffon cake pan and cut out, or pan may be lined with waxed paper. Do not grease pan.

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Name one Jewish month _____
Name one secular month _____
Dreyfus lived in what country? _____
Rasputin lived in what country? _____
The Beiles Case involved what crime? _____
The Lindberg Case involved what crime? _____
What do you do with myrtle and willow? _____
What are gotkes? _____
Who is "Meathead's" father-in-law? _____
JDL stands for what? _____
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Ladino is what? _____
Esperanto is what? _____
Name 5 Kosher wines. _____
Name 5 brands of beer. _____
When is Shabbat Hagadol? _____
When is Super Sunday? _____
Name one of the Thirteen Articles of Faith _____
Recite the Pledge of Allegiance _____
Who is Chief Rabbi of Israel? _____
Who is the priest on Saturday Night Live? _____
Name the Five Books of Moses _____
Name five plays of Shakespeare _____
Name the three big TV networks _____
Name the three "Foot Holidays." _____
Who opposed the "Chasidim?" _____
Who opposed the Pirates in the 1979 series? _____
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Danzig—1939: Treasures Of A Destroyed Community

January, 1939: America is keeping a watchful eye on developments in Europe, but for most of us it is business as usual. In Atlanta, for example, the *Journal* proudly notes that the city has been named a "Banner Business City" for 1938. Atlanta has closed its books on 1938 in the "finest financial shape" in its history. Better times, more money and booming industry are forecast. Almost incidentally the paper informs Atlantans that, in Poland, an "early parley" is expected to determine the future of the Free City of Danzig.

What was incidental in Atlanta was, quite literally, a matter of life and death for Danzig's Jews. Although they could do little to save themselves from the fast-advancing Nazi army, the elders of Danzig's Jewish community determined to save the principal artistic treasures of their synagogue. Working secretly and in haste they managed to pack 10 large crates of religious and artistic objects, and to ship them to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York for safe keeping.

These crates, which also contained a collection donated to the synagogue by Lesser Gieldzinski, art adviser to Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II, were delivered to the seminary on July 26, 1939. From the synagogue, the elders had sent ceremonial objects, books, scrolls, tapestries, textiles and local memorabilia. From the Gieldzinski collection came silver Torah headpieces, breastplates, crowns and pointers, spice boxes, *Kiddush* cups, silver and brass *menorot*, and many other ritual objects. The artifacts arrived in New York with the stipulation that the Jewish Theological Seminary

house the collection for a period of 15 years. If the Danzig Jewish community were to be reestablished within that time, the collection would be returned to the Free City. If, after 15 years, there remained no safe and free Jews in Danzig, the collection would remain in America "for the education and inspiration of the rest of the world."

One month after the 10 crates arrived safely in New York the German army marched into Danzig. The Great Synagogue and the Danzig Jewish community were destroyed. The contents of the 10 crates have remained in America ever since.

Conscious of the responsibility implied in the stipulation attached to the shipment of the Danzig collections, the Jewish Museum in New York, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and many other individuals and agencies, has researched, catalogued, restored and conserved the contents of the Danzig crates. Now, for the first time, the fruits of this effort are being taken to the American people through a special exhibit, *Danzig 1939: Treasures of a Destroyed Community*.

In December of 1980 the Danzig collections was brought to Atlanta under the co-sponsorship of Emory and the Atlanta Jewish Federation. The exhibition will be traveling to key regional areas of the United States, and to Tel Aviv. Atlanta is the only eastern city south of Washington, D. C. to host the exhibit.

The collection was displayed on the Emory campus in a new gallery, in the Woodruff Library. The gallery was made possible by the gift of Dr. and Mrs. William Schatten of Atlanta. Within the

University, the primary sponsors for the exhibit are the Cantor School of Theology and the David and Leslie Cohen Chair of Jewish Studies. The Emory Sponsors, in expressing their pride in hosting it, have noted that "having *Danzig 1939* on the Emory campus is an expression of our religious and moral solidarity in the face of dangers of indifference, intolerance, and outright evil which have plagued humankind especially in our century." For Emory and for the members of the community who visit the exhibit, the sponsors hope that *Danzig 1939* will serve "as a reminder of our commitment as Americans and as free people to the rights of persons everywhere." The Danzig Jewish community is gone, but by co-sponsoring the exhibit, Emory, with Atlanta, has joined a select group of American cities responding to the dying community's request that the collections one day be used "for the education and inspiration of the rest of the world."

MADE IN ISRAEL

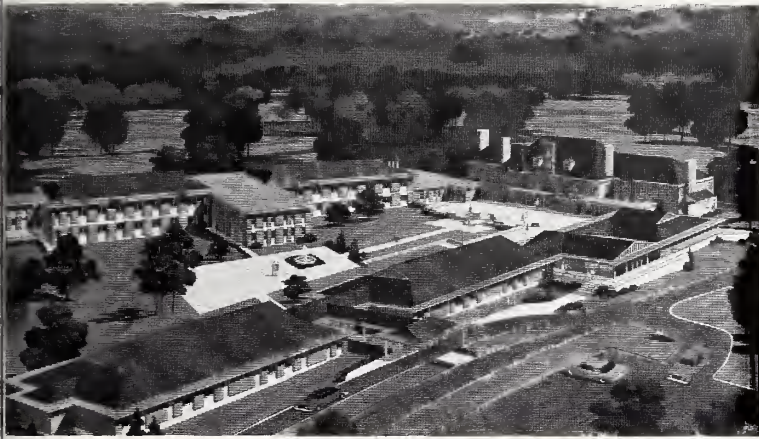
About 35% of Israel's exports go to Western Germany, which is in second place, just behind the United States in import of Israeli products.

Carl Alpert

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Passover 741

The annual observance of Passover at the Home promises to be exciting this year as in the past. The first Seder, scheduled for Saturday, April 18, will begin the eight-day celebration of the Festival of Freedom. At that time, the residents will gather, as do all other Jews around the world, to commemorate the Exodus of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. Family and friends are invited to join with the Residents at 6:00 p.m. for the annual Seder. As in past years, the focus will be on active participation with Residents, families and guests taking part. Members of the Board of Governors will join with Residents at the Home for the second Seder. Family and friends are invited to participate both nights. Mr. Cyril Jacobs, President of the Board, will play an active role in the service. All of the rituals of preparation for the Holiday will be observed, including the purchasing of special Passover foods, the removal of chametz, and the Koshering of the kitchen utensils throughout the Home.

Holiday services will take place at the Home as follows:

Sunday	
April 19, 1981	9:30 a.m.
Monday	
April 20, 1981	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	
April 25, 1981	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	
April 26, 1981	9:30 a.m.
Monday	
April 27, 1981	9:30 a.m.

We hope that you will join us during this special time.

HOME OFFERS IN-SERVICE EDUCATION SERIES

Each month, members of the Home's staff attend a staff meeting which deals with a specific concern. The monthly meeting provides a format for educating members of the Home's various departments about the problems and purposes of other disciplines. It also serves as a time for staff to meet together to talk about common concerns. Some of the recent in-service sessions have focused on fire safety, on elements of Judaism, on the role of the Social Worker, and on the goals of the Recreation Department.

In-service for February focused on elements of bereavement in the institutional setting. Bereavement was discussed in terms of "loss" rather than death. Staff members were led by Rabbi Jacob Goldberg, director of the New York Commission on Pastoral Bereavement Counseling in discussion of the kinds of losses that take place during the aging process and after entering the Home. The easily-recognized losses, such as loss of physical ability, eyesight, hearing and memory, were mentioned as well as the intangible losses, such as loss of privacy and loss of independence. Staff members began to recognize that bereavement, seen in its fullest sense, becomes a much larger issue which requires the sensitive and constant attention of the Home's personnel.

In addition to this in-service session, members of the local professional community, the Home's Board, staff personnel and residents were invited to attend a showing of the movie, "Home for Life" in the auditorium the evening of Feb. 12. A panel discussion around the issues of aging and entering a nursing home was led by Mrs. Anni Frankl, child psychologist and resident of the Home;

Dr. Jim Romeis, of Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Dr. William Spencer, the Home's Associate Medical Director; and Lisa Gwyther, ACSW, Coordinator of Continuing Education for the Duke Center of Aging and Human Development.

FOCUS ON A RESIDENT— ABE FINE

On New Year's Eve, Abe Fine was toasted by residents and staff as "the man of the hour." Popular, helpful, active and dependable—these are words which describe him.

Abe came to the Home in 1977, "straight from the hospital," as he said. Since becoming a resident, he has found time to try a number of new activities and projects. "I never painted before I came here," he told me as I watched him work on a landscape with delicate pastels and subtle shadings. What was originally a past-time has lately become a dedication. Abe attended the art classes at Reynolda House in Winston-Salem for six weeks, and has continued his work in a structured way since the classes were completed. His love for and interest in the sea shows itself in several scenes of lighthouses and seascapes, each picture demonstrating a refining of skills and techniques.

Other projects have involved making everything from macrame basket holders to leather belts to artistic wall hangings.



Abe Fine, at work painting.

Besides his busy schedule in the Craft Room, Abe contributes much to the life of the Home, serving on the Welcoming Committee and looking after the special friends he's made since coming here. His social life is active and his friends are many. Abe is truly an integral and important part of the Home!

FOCUS ON THE BOARD JOHN GREEN

by Marjorie Kastrinsky
Office Manager

"He is always willing to help in



John Green

any way that he can". That is what I heard from everyone when asked about this month's featured Board Member. Being a new staff member at the Home, I had not had the opportunity to meet many of the Board members, so when I was asked to write an article for the Board Member Focus, and John Green's name was suggested, I asked around and repeatedly heard the above comment. When I called him for an interview, I found that he also has a delightful sense of humor. I only wish that I could have talked to him longer.

Mr. Green was born near Koblenz, Germany. He left there at the age of 14 and came to New York, where he worked in a bakery. In 1939, family ties in Greensboro brought him to the Triad area, and

he settled in Winston-Salem. After taking a business course, he went to work for Morris Brenner, Brenner Iron & Metal Company in 1940. In 1941, he went into Service for five years. While in England after the war, he met his future wife, Ursula. "It was love at first sight". They married and turned to Fayetteville where he opened his own business, Cohen Green Salvage Company in 1946.

Mr. Green has been involved with the Home since it opened its doors in 1965. He first learned of the Home through Morris Brenner who was working for him. He has been a very active member of the Board which is especially commendable when one considers how far he has lived from Clemmons. He has served as a very effective Public Relations and liaison person for the Home down in Fayetteville. His efforts to make his community aware of the Home have resulted in at least three people becoming Residents here. He has also enlisted the help of his Rabbi to spread the word about the Home and its services.

For the future of the Home, he would like to see expansion through a Retirement Community. Being a businessman and property owner himself, he is especially aware of the caution that must be exercised when expanding a facility. Through his local PR work, he has found that there is interest in a Retirement Community, but not firm commitments as yet, something that he feels should be emphasized, perhaps through a better public campaign, early on in the planning stages. He noted that the whole project is still in the preliminary stages, and the things can be worked out.

He is a person who is always ready to help out when you ask and one who does quite a bit of work spreading the word about the Blumenthal Jewish Home in his own community—a very positive force for the Home.

Book Review

SIXTY PLUS AND FIT AGAIN—

Exercises for Older Men and Women

Magda Rosenberg, M. Evans
d Co., Inc., NY, NY 1977

Book review by Sharon Roevers, RT
Sixty Plus and Fit Again is a complete manual for men and women past middle age who would like to stay physically fit. It helps men and women free themselves of aches and pains which prohibit them from leading full, active lives.

Sixty Plus and Fit Again is an informative exercise manual. Author, Magda Rosenberg, wrote this exercise manual in a very personal fashion; it is as if the author is talking and giving instructions directly to the reader instead of communicating through the written word. Magda Rosenberg tells the reader about exercises which will be beneficial for the entire body. The basic program includes exercises to improve breathing, sit and stand with less effort, to walk more comfortably, to relax, to induce sleep. These exercises stimulate all the muscles of the body, from fingers to toes.

In this manual are actual translations which have taken place with people who have attended Magda Rosenberg's exercise classes. Her philosophy is, "Exercise is not a total answer . . . but with it you can walk, out-live and out-enjoy those who don't exercise."

I encourage anyone who wishes to stay physically fit to read *Sixty Plus and Fit Again*. It is one of the most informative books on exercising in circulation today.

A Morning Walk In The Countryside

by Alice Fruh, Resident

I love to take a walk before breakfast along the road to the entrance and back to our HOME, like to watch the awakening of all the little creatures on the side of the road. It seems there are thousands of ants, busy, busy, busy, carrying pieces of wood and food, building roads for their housing, helping each other in many ways. It looks so peaceful with loving care. ****Hush**** there are little squirrels and chipmunks running along and up the trees. I see colorful birds fly around and hear their wistful chirping morning greetings. Of course many people pay no attention to see the beauty nature displays.

On both sides trees stand in a long straight row. They might be fifty to a hundred years old. On the left side of the road are the old dairy farm buildings, surrounded by woods and decaying stable; horses and sheep still live there. On the right side of the road is an old caretaker's house. Fenced in, I can see a herd of cows enjoying whatever they like to do, watching cars and trucks go by. I see woods and open spaces, the Yadkin River, Interstate 40 in the background with endless strings of cars and trucks passing by. I see behind the slowly mounting Blue Ridge Mountains. It all looks like a fairy tale.

Before going back indoors, I give thanks to G'd for the peace and contentment I feel, grateful I can experience and see the wonders and beauty.



Jimmy Merrell's horses graze contentedly on new spring grass.

FOCUS ON THE STAFF

PAULINE ALLEN
Nurses Assistant

Pauline Allen, a Nurses Assistant on B-1, has worked for the Home almost six years. Her attendance record—never late, never a missed day—is rivaled by a performance record which is recognized as exemplary by residents and staff alike.

Pauline worked for Hanes Knitting for 24½ years after graduating from high school. Her youthful ambition was to be a nurse, but



this interest was delayed while she married, raised her family, and worked for Hanes. After leaving Hanes, she noticed an advertisement in the Mocksville paper for a Nurses Assistant course, to be held at Davie County Hospital. Only ten participants would be chosen from all those who applied. In spite of the odds, Pauline filled out her application. From that time until she was given the news that her name had been one of the ten drawn, she was on edge with excitement. "And when I went in to class the first time, I was scared to death!" she told me with a smile. "But the instructor said, 'Pauline, you've come here with the determination to learn about nursing. And you're going to do it!'"

In the nearly six years since she received her diploma certifying her as a Nurses Assistant and recognizing her training in Human Relations, Pauline has constantly demonstrated her professional at-

titude toward her work—an attitude which covers every aspect of the job, from personal appearance to patient care. And, indeed, the Blumenthal Jewish Home is fortunate to have and is grateful for Pauline's dedication and commitment to the nursing field.

"It pays a person not to give up on something they really want in life," she said. "It was something. After 32 years I finally got close to nursing. I really enjoy it. I never had the desire to go anywhere else. It's so rewarding!"

Pauline and her husband, Hathman, live in Cornatzer. Their son, Tim, is a CPA for Taylor Oil Company. He and his wife Brenda (the Director of Nursing for Autumn Care in Mocksville) live in Mocksville.

Please Tell Me

by Grace Chaplin
Admissions Coordinator

Q. Must I turn over my assets to the Home to gain admission?

A. No. We charge only our per diem rates. There is no application or admission fee. Since we cannot operate without contributions, any gifts are, of course gratefully received. However, admission is not based on financial contributions.

Q. What does it cost to live at the Home?

A. Our present rates are \$45.00 per day for semi-private, intermediate care; \$48.00 per day for semi-private, skilled nursing care; and \$53.00 per day for private room, skilled care. Our new Respite service is also \$53.00 per day for a private room. These rates include care and maintenance, the services of our staff physicians, social and recreational activities here at the Home, laundry and housekeeping services. Hospitalizations, medication, physical and occupational therapy and visits to consulting physicians, personal toiletries and beauty shop charges

are the types of services not included in our per diem rate.

Q. What kinds of medical services does the Home offer?

A. The Home is licensed for two levels of nursing care—intermediate and skilled. Each Unit is staffed with highly competent nursing personnel. A Licensed Nurse is **always** on each of the Home's living units. There are two physicians on our staff who come to the Home three days a week. (They are always readily available at other times when emergency situations present themselves.) Area dentists, podiatrists, and ophthalmologists visit the Home on a regular basis. Any resident needing medical consultation is referred to a specialist in Winston-Salem. Transportation can be provided for residents when the family is unable to accommodate their family member. There are three hospitals in Winston-Salem, and the Home has a close working relationship with them.

Rabbis Gather For Mid-Winter Kallah

Approximately 30 rabbis and their wives gathered at the Home on Feb. 9-10 for the Mid-Winter Kallah. Rabbi Arnold Task, of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, officiated as President of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis. This is the second year that the Rabbis have elected to



Rabbi Goldberg stresses the methodology of pastoral bereavement counseling.

gather at the Home. Besides offering opportunity for college discussion and fellowship, meeting at the Home allows the congregational leaders to see firsthand the range and depth of the North Carolina Jewish Home service to the Jewish community.

This year's featured speaker at the Kallah was Rabbi Jacob Goldberg, director of the New York Commission on Pastoral Bereavement Counseling. He spoke to the group on Tuesday evening, Feb. 10, about the specific stages of bereavement. Wednesday shared with the rabbis case studies of pastoral bereavement counseling, offering concrete suggestions for counseling techniques.

Special recognition was given to the Home's Dietary Department for their excellent and attractively prepared meals.



Members of the GCAR reflect on the morning's presentation.



The Kallah had its lighter moments!



Mrs. Selma Caston, President Residents' Council, Rabbi Arnold Task (Greensboro), & Cy Jacob, President of the Home's Board of Governors, joined the rabbis for the evening meal on Feb. 10.

Home Represented at National Meeting

The MidYear National Meeting of Trustees and Administrators of Jewish Homes for the Aged of the National Association of Jewish Homes for the Aged recently took place at the Terrace Garden Inn in Atlanta, Georgia. 125 Chief Executive Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees gathered to discuss concerns that mutually affect Jewish long-term care facilities across the nation. Representing the Blumenthal Jewish Home are Doris Dworsky, a member of the Board of Governors, and Al. A. Mandlovitz, Executive Director.

The focus of the meeting, "Critical Issues and Challenges Facing Homes in the 80's", centered on current crises that are taking place in the long-term care field. An update on helping Homes look for local facilities, developing a financially secure future, the exploration of civil rights issues and ethical considerations in long-term care facilities were all items which were addressed. Mr. Herbert Shore, Executive Vice President of the Association, addressed the Trustees at the initial session, exploring trends and mutual issues that face all Jewish Homes. Professional speakers representing the Medicine, Law and Psychosocial communities served as resource people to these sessions. Mr. M. Joe Helms, President of the American Association of Homes for the Aged, addressed the Trustees at a Breakfast Meet-

The issue of the need to generate funds in response to proposed federal government cutbacks is a major issue that Homes all across the country are facing. The material presented dealing with this issue was very valuable and will add an important dimension to the Home's future fundraising activities.

The Men's Club

by Rick Rogers, RT

Being surrounded by many women all the time may sound great to some men, but for those who live in a situation like that, it can be overwhelming! Just being "with the guys" is the idea behind the Men's Club at the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Beginning in August, 1980, the club met weekly, trying different programs to see what really interested the group. As the members became more familiar with



The Men's Club at the Pub: left to right, Ed Williamson, Lazarus Cohen, Julian Vatz, Sam Cohen, Paul Furrow and Charlie Saltzberg.

each other, they also became more vocal in their preferences. (The Club, in addition to providing peer-group activity, gives the male residents of the Home an opportunity to get to know men from all the other Units.)

Outings are the most popular activities. With the enthusiastic support of several male staff members and volunteer Bill King (from Greensboro), the club goes to movies, enjoys motor tours and taking walks. More specifically,



Julian Vatz (far right), rakes in the chips during a poker game. Playing are Paul Furrow, Willie Reynolds, Rick Rogers, Ed Williamson, and Charlie Saltzberg.

the most enthusiastically-received trips have been the one to the movie "9 to 5" and the tour of Schlitz brewery. Other programs of interest have been card and dice games, and shooting pool. One member fascinates the club with his vast array of magic tricks. As spring approaches, the club is planning for more outdoor activities, such as trips to the Winston-Salem Red Sox baseball games, fishing, motor tours and miniature golf.

Although there is a large variation in members' abilities, the group has become more understanding and accepting of each other. And, as their environment has become friendlier and more relaxed, the men are, as several of them have put it, "having lots of fun."



Sam Cohen lifts his spirits during the tour of Schlitz Brewery!

The Ladies Answer To The Men's Club!

So the men need to get together to be "with the guys"? Well, how about something special for the ladies? In response to the need for feminine, refined gatherings, the Home's newest volunteer, Janet Mueller, offered to start a Ladies' Coffee Klatch.

Meeting every Thursday morning at 10:00, ladies from the Home are invited to join Janet for deli-

cate pastries, tea or coffee, and conversation. A gourmet cook herself, Janet has brought an element of beauty and elegance to the occasion. (She has been asked to prepare some of the recipes which will be photographed for a new *Old Salem Cook Book*, soon to be published!) Working with the cooperation and assistance of the Dietary Department, she serves dainty sweets and pours beverages from a shining silver service set. The table is always set with a cloth and pretty napkins, and the feeling is one of gentility and femininity. Physical cares and woes are forgotten as friends chat about their families, their homes, their experiences. In a setting whose orientation is so definitely medical, the Ladies' Coffee Klatch is a special time!



Janet offers cookies to Mrs. Grace Schwartz (Greensboro), while Mrs. Ann Lentz (W-S), Mrs. Eva Hirst (New York), and Mrs. Sarah Atlas (Gastonia), chat.

Home Provides Temporary Care For The Elderly

by Virtie Stroup
Sentinel Religion Reporter

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The Martins want to move to a new house, but they wonder what to do about Mother, who lives with them, during the upheaval. While she is rather independent for her 80-plus years, she is in a wheelchair and needs help with her daily functions as the result of a stroke. In the past, the Martins would have had to find a neighbor willing to help or hire a nurse. But now a new program at the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons will help the Martins (a make-believe family) get the care they need for Mother and make the move easier.

The program is called "Respite" and it is rather new in this country. It was developed in Scandinavia and Britain. In this country, there are programs in Corte Modera, Calif. and Chicago (programs of a similar nature geared just for retarded children).

The idea is to provide temporary care for frail elderly people, explained Ginger Morrison, a social worker at the Blumenthal Home. Mrs. Morrison said she is unaware of any program of this nature in the state, but that indications are that such a program is needed. The Home has the services to provide care to give the people who normally do it an opportunity to take a rest from caretaking responsibilities or to take care of other obligations, she said.

The Home's Respite services, Mrs. Morrison said, are designed to provide good care for an elderly person. A person in the program can elect the degree to which he or she might want to take part in the regular life of the Home, Mrs. Morrison said. "We respect their

desires on how much they want to take advantage of our services and we have a lot to offer," she said.

She said Respite is open to an older person. Respite patients will have private rooms in the skilled nursing wing of the Home. The length is dependent on the patient's needs; however there is a one-week minimum for the first stay. The cost is the same as private skilled nursing care.

The program also gives an older person a break from the family lets them experience a new environment and allows both patient and family to become familiar with institutional care, Mrs. Morrison said. Right now in America, she said, there is a trend to delay prevent putting the elderly in institutions, but there are few support programs available in a local community to help the elderly remain at home. Much of the primary support, she said, still comes from the family, which needs rest from time to time.

As a University of Pennsylvania Medical Center geriatrician explains it: "When family members feel burdened by the stresses of caring for these relatives, they seriously consider the nursing home. Respite care can act as an incentive for families to continue the care-giving role."

Although the trend during the past 25 years has been for older people and their adult children to live apart, national estimates suggest that family members provide 60 to 80 percent of the personal care and health services needed by frail older people. With the availability of Respite service, the Jewish Home feels home care can continue. Initial reaction to the program has been gratifying, Mrs. Morrison said. "We know it

eeper than having registered
urses or licensed practical
urses around the clock," she
id.

"We ask our Respite people to
through the same procedures
residents when they enter,"
s. Morrison said, and that
means taking time to visit the
me, talk with the staff and the
ff with the patient to learn be-
ehand what the patient's needs
e and what their expectations
e. In this way, she said, when
the patient comes to the Home,
the staff will be doubly fast getting
n into the Home's system of
re.

While neither Medicare nor
Medicaid will pay for the Respite
e, Mrs. Morrison said, these
encies are reviewing the whole
ncept to determine whether it
l be financed. Since the pro-
gram is aimed at keeping the per-
n at home with the family, she
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For further information about
spite, contact Mrs. Morrison at
(9) 766-6401.

What's Been Happening?



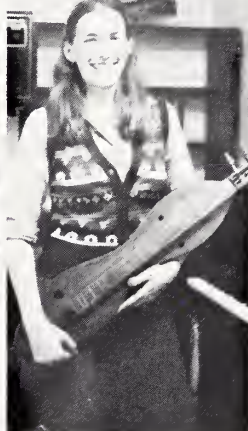
Dr. Raphael Panitz, principal of the N. C. Hebrew Academy in Charlotte, spoke to residents of the Home about "Biblical Grandmothers and Grandfathers: The Generation Over 60."



Two favorite people—Mrs. Emma Pearson (Arlington, Va.) and Percy Johnson (Winston-Salem)!



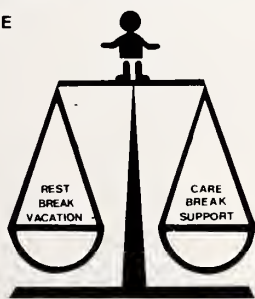
Painting at Reynolda House in Winston-Salem: Abe Fine, Betty Petticord, Rose Block, Rose Liebowitz, Norma Rogers and Emma Pearson.



Anne Jackson, a graduate student at Wake Forest, entertained A-Wing residents with ballads from England, Ireland, and the Appalachian mountain region. She accompanied herself on the dulcimer and the guitar (but not simultaneously!)

Respite Services

RESPITE



BALANCING THE SCALE IN EVERYONE'S FAVOR

Blumenthal Jewish home announces a service to address the
ds of the Jewish and non-Jewish population living in the
community. The Respite Service is meant to provide the older
It and his/her primary care-provider, usually a family member,
break from each other. The Home is opening its doors to any
er person who would like to live at the Home for a specified
od of time, for example, a week or more, while the care-
vider takes a break from the caretaking responsibility for
asure or business. For more information about the Blumenthal
ish Home's Respite Service, its cost, and other details, contact
ger Morrison, 919-766-6401.



Community meetings on each Unit have developed into viable working groups which are capable of enacting change and communicating opinions. Here, an A-Wing Community Meeting.



Children from Stepping Stones Day School have become regular visitors to B1. Many friendships have developed between these pre-schoolers and members of the B1 community!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Ida Kadis
Rose Mackover
Estelle Pearson
Myrtle Sink
Lillian Sweitzer
Jean Tager
Anni Frankl
Bertha Lee
Gladys Hixon
Celia Rabinowitz

WELCOME

May you enjoy a long, happy and healthy life:

Zlata Wasserman
Edwin Williamson
Esther McKone

CORRECTION

The following donations were inadvertently omitted from the October Issue:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MR. IRA JULIAN
By: Milton & Virginia Julian
Phillip & Joan Hanes

It has become a beautiful tradition for people to express their interest in the Home by making commemorative gifts. Over the years these generous donations have greatly enriched the quality of life for the Home's Residents. The prayers and thanks of our Residents are expressed for the contributions made to the Home from February 5, 1981, to March 5, 1981.

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TOPICS:

1. What Crucified Jesus?
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3. Tragic Trap or Messianic Hope

RABBI SOL BERNARDS

Rabbi Bernards is a native of Chicago, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary. His many degrees range from his BA from Chicago's Lewis Institute to his JD from John Marshall Law School. He is a member of the Illinois Bar. He served as Chaplain during World War II, then served as regional director of rescue and rehabilitation agencies in Palestine from 1946 to 1949. He held a position in Schenectady, New York for eleven years. Since 1961 he has served as director of Inter-Religious and Inter-Faith Affairs programs of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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Editorial

This year on May 9, the fifth day of the Hebrew month Iyar, will be CELEBRATION 33. Thirty-three years have passed quickly, after waiting almost two thousand years for the reestablishment of the State of Israel. A great deal of history has occurred during these years since Independence and Statehood were proclaimed. The years have been filled with accomplishment and triumph, not without sacrifice and bloodshed. Israel is, indeed, a bastion of civilization in the Middle East.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote in his book, "Israel—An Echo Of Eternity," published in 1967, that Israel might well give aid and inspiration to "a resurgent East Africa and a developing Asia." Situated as it is, Israel lies at the interstice of those areas, with its roots deep in the region. If hostilities and prejudice cease, combined seats of learning may cause a resurgence of glory and prosperity for all the nations in the area. Lacking a general peace, it must not be overlooked that the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt was a blessing. Egypt, largest of Arab nations with almost forty million people, deserves reward for courage and honesty. It could not have been easy for Anwar Sadat to change his attitude and actions. It is difficult for anyone to say, "Let us not fight any more." When other Arab nations follow that lead, it will be a blessing for all.

When peace breaks out in the Middle East, and may it come speedily in our time, Israel will have time and patience for internal matters. There is something to be given urgent priority, the Jewish religion. While guaranteeing freedom of worship to Christians and Moslems, the religious free-

dom of Jews within Israel is not assured. Is there no room in Israel for more than one sect of Judaism?

Before the High Holidays last year, the two chief Rabbis of Jerusalem issued a public statement saying that it is forbidden to attend services held by the MESORATI or CONSERVATIVE movement. After declaring such participation invalid, the statement read, "We, therefore, issue this holy appeal to the public not to be tempted by the propaganda of this movement, not to participate in any of their activities, and not to associate with them. Everyone can find a place at a synagogue where the form of prayers is the form used from generation to generation; there he may devote himself to the Creator of the world, and pour out his heart to Him who examines the hearts of all. . ."

Reform Jews were not mentioned, apparently being excluded from any consideration. Israel's two chief Rabbis, Shlomo Goren and Ovadiah Yosef, refrained from comment, but in the past they have warned against the perversion of Judaism by non-Orthodox groups. Rabbi Goren has been quoted as believing he is the spiritual leader of all Israeli Jews.

The intended ban was endorsed by the Association of Rabbis in Israel.

It is difficult for Americans to understand the concept of a state religion. It is more difficult to understand intolerance of Jews, especially Israeli Jews. We are reminded of early settlers in America who fled religious persecution, only to insist shortly afterward upon establishing their own religion as the true faith. There has been a long struggle to establish Conservative and Reform syn-

agogues within Israel, and just as much effort has been exerted to prevent their existence as against recognition of them. For political reasons, the political parties in Israel have generally agreed to demands of the Orthodox, in order to gain needed support. From this side of the globe the situation appears ironic.

Prayers in the Siddurim used by Orthodox Jews, as well as Conservative, were written in places in Biblical times for those times and places in which they were written. Is no Jew in modern times in the Western world qualified to compose a prayer? Must Jews forever reiterate the words of men who were, indeed, holy, but whose lives were confined to an era and environment almost inconceivable to us here today? After centuries in the diaspora, Jewish history has then inspired the words all Jews understood. More centuries have passed since those prayers were composed, and again, Jewish experience has been filled with momentous events.

We looked forward to the creation of the State of Israel as a seat of authority which would take into consideration all Jewry. We hoped a Sanhedrin would be formed, once again to evaluate the laws, ritual, and observance of something that has not happened since Maimonides and Joseph Karo. It is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Estelle Hoffmann

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Carolina Character

Elizabeth and Walter Klein

by their children—

Richard Klein, Robert Klein, Kathy Klein Jones, and Betsy Klein

It's been more than 20 years, but people still talk about a trip our parents took with us on their 15th wedding anniversary. Our father drove the family to New York for a few days of business and pleasure, but took a quick detour on the way to Kennedy Airport. There, relatives were waiting to welcome us as Dad opened the door and exclaimed, "Get out—we're going to Europe!"

The story made *Red Book Magazine*. Everyone still asks how we managed three weeks in Europe while packed for three days in New York. Second most asked question: How did you manage to get passports and shots without knowing? (The family passport that was allowed then is no longer permitted.)

Typical, vintage Klein. Never a really dull moment in our lives, which may explain why our father oversees a motion picture business with all of his four children participating (three work at the Charlotte office while Kathy writes scripts in Camano Island, Washington).

Elizabeth and Walter Klein dress and act every bit their age (late 50's), but they have and will always *think young*. They love life and have made every moment count

without denying attention and devotion to family and friends.

Life has always been fun with our parents. Our mother's surprise birthday parties for everyone were never a surprise (except the first time); it was just entertaining trying to figure when and how she'd do it. (We turned the tables on her one year by recreating a dance studio she had as a young girl in the basement of her Providence Road home. All her friends showed up that day in tu tus.)

Mom was born in Charlotte's Presbyterian Hospital and spent



much of her childhood on Dartmouth Place and in what was then the end of the civilized world, Providence Road at Westbury. Her father was a popular attorney, state legislator and humanitarian, Arthur Goodman. Her mother, Katherine, remains an independent, outspoken and beloved person whom everyone calls "Grandma".

Dad's the converted Yankee

from South Orange, New Jersey who left the North early to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, he was eventually assigned to Charlotte's Maxwell Field where he met Mom at the Christmas Dance at the Charlotte Armory (now the site of the Center). A week after they were their engagement was set for the following June. They were married during the war years at the Charlotte Women's Club.

After the war, our parents returned to a Charlotte that was short on housing. Dad started out at the *Charlotte Observer*, then out the paper (when he left the *Observer* replaced him with a man), and managed to get an apartment on North Lexington Avenue. Later moves took them to Lexington Avenue, behind Temple Israel, and back to South Lexington Avenue next to a fire station.

Dad decided early-on to start his own business, which evolved into one of Charlotte's first and largest advertising agencies. (*Charlotte Observer* columnist, Kays Klein, still refers to Dad as "Ad Executive Klein", but his business has been in motion pictures since 1960.) From the Mayfair Hotel, to the Seelye Hotel, to two locations on Elizabeth Avenue, the office finally settled on Carmel Road in 1960.

We were raised in an observant Reform background, something unusual for Charlotte in the 1950's. Both parents were totally committed to a Jewish way of living, but because of the long Reform history on both sides of our family, our parents had to teach themselves Hebrew and acquire a sense of "tradition" along with us.

We attended services every Friday evening at Temple Beth El. We attended *all* Sunday school classes, dressed in our nicest clothes. There wasn't a Jewish event that we missed. Nor did our parents miss a chance to make a contribution.

Our mother was in the first confirmation class at Temple Beth El. Her father, Arthur Goodman, a past-president of Temple Israel, was a founder of Temple Beth El and the forerunner of the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, the Amity Club.

Mom worked in many capacities for the temple, including president of the Sisterhood. She and Dad taught religious school classes. They were one-time adult advisers for BBYO. Mom has also been an interfaith Chairman for Temple Beth El and served on the boards of Adassah and B'nai B'rith Women.

Serving as president of Temple Beth El, our father also worked on virtually every committee at the temple. He's also been president of the Charlotte Lodge, B'nai B'rith and is now a member of the Radio-television Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Among his many other religious commitments have been service on the national board for the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the founding and past-presidency of the Charlotte Biblical Garden.

Because of our parents' dedication to Temple life, many congregants of Temple Beth El turned to Mom and Dad when disputes arose in 1969 and 1970. Faced with the prospect of losing 35 families (including several past presidents) and a divided congregation, our father founded and became first president of a new Reform congrega-



tion, Beth Shalom. The new congregation was recognized by the national Reform movement, UAHC, and eventually was meeting regularly at Charlotte's Myers Park Baptist Church. (Though Beth Shalom left Myers Park Baptist several years ago, the meeting place there is still called "Shalom Hall".)

Dad's office, his secretaries and his time and resources turned to Beth Shalom for several years. Mom became a vice president and active worker for Beth Shalom's Sisterhood. They eventually felt the time had come to personally return to Temple Beth El, but Beth Shalom continues filling a need that my parents had perceived.

Dad serves again as a member of Temple Beth El's Board. He is also on the Board of Overseers for Hebrew Union College, and this year donated a motion picture telling the HUC story. Most recently, he was elected president of the Mid-Atlantic Council for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the top lay position in this region for the Reform movement. It's a position that will require him to travel extensively, assisting Reform congregations as needed.

But it has been more than just committee work, functions and paperwork for our parents. These duties and activities have all had purpose. Our parents believe in serving people, not position.

Growing up, we remember going with our parents to visit people like Mrs. Michaels at a local nursing home on Sunday afternoons. Or taking the flowers that graced the Friday night bimah to someone in a hospital or sick at home. Or

welcoming everyone in B'nai B'rith, a Masonic lodge or some other organization to our parents' home for a picnic.

Perhaps this quality of peoplehood has been a reason that our parents have often become closer to our friends than we are. They somehow bridge the generation gap at every opportunity. Age, up and down the scale, never really concerned them.

For that reason our parents continue their activities in everything from the Charlotte Exchange Student Program (they hosted several exchange students attending East High School) to the Democratic Party, Charlotte Symphony, Community Concert Association, Mecklenburg Humane Society and United Cerebral Palsy. Dad was recently elected to the Mint Museum Board of Directors. He founded and is a past president of his industry's



trade association, International Quorum of Motion Picture Producers.

Controversy has also surrounded our father. His adeptness at fundraising led Carmel Road residents to ask him to get the monies for a volunteer fire department. Well-intentioned, he sent out mailings with an appeal so urgent that he was dubbed "Walter the Torch".

His break with Beth Shalom, the congregation he founded, was tense. But in the years following, he was called upon time and time again to solve the small synagogue's problems. He quietly

financially supports all three Charlotte congregations.

Our parents are multi-faceted. Some people see them devoted to their religious beliefs. Others know them for their community involvement. Many know Walter Klein for his business experience, film festival awards or the two books he has written (*The Sponsored Film* and a new title on the subject of people who have been excluded from society).

Some people see our parents working hard on weekends to beautify the Charlotte Biblical Garden that is adjacent to their property. Others may witness our father serving as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, or our mother planning an affair for the community's exchange students.

We, their children, feel privileged and blessed to have seen the many sides of our parents and experienced their love through the years. From a prayerbook that our parents gave us one Chanukah: "As we walk through life together, let me and my dear ones go with the righteousness which leads to peace, that love which will bring us harmony and joy, that regard whose fruit is enduring friendship. Amen."

Rabbi Solomon S. Bernards, one of the speakers for the B'nai B'rith Institute at Wildacres, August 16th to 19th, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Susquehanna University during Commencement Exercises May 23. Rabbi Bernards is Director of Inter-religious and Inter-faith Affairs Programs of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, a position he has held for twenty years.

Letters

To the Editor:

I usually speak to your readers in another column, but today I want to address them on a very special subject.

Would you give ten minutes of your time if you had good reason to believe it would help a family in a difficult situation? Would your conscience bother you, later, if you found that your failure to give the ten minutes might have contributed to failure and disappointment?

You have heard of Abe Stolar, the Chicago-born Jew who, together with his wife and son, are not being permitted to leave Moscow. After a careful study of the case we believe that the Stolars may not be victims of any Soviet plot, but have simply fallen into the meshes of an ordinary bureaucracy which exists in many countries. They had been given permission to leave in 1975, but for technical reasons were at the last minute turned back at the airport.

Stolar and his son hold valid American passports. His wife, Gita, has been granted Israeli citizenship. They are recognized in Moscow as foreign nationals, but their case has been pigeonholed by underling clerks.

We believe that if we can bring this obvious instance of injustice to the attention of the right people in Moscow, the wrong will be righted. Organizations across the land, like the Anti-Defamation League, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and others are joining in a united effort to clear the red tape and let the Stolars go home.

You, dear reader, can help. Please address a polite letter to H.E. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, The Kremlin, RSFSR, Moscow, USSR, calling his attention to the case and asking him to correct the injustice. If

you want to do more, write in the same vein to K. I. Zotov, All Union Ovir, Ul. Ogareva 6, Moscow 103009, USSR — perhaps with copies to H.E. Ambassador Anatoli Dobrynin, the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C.

If you want to have a good feeling that you did something useful — won't you please write that letter **today**? Tomorrow you won't have to reproach yourself for laziness or lack of conscience. And instead of just reading about history, you will in your small way also have a share in shaping it!

Carl Alpert

Haifa

To the Editor:

Although the questions were well chosen, the title of your quiz "Who won the last round?" seems most inappropriate in a "Jewish" magazine.

I note we have recaptured all of Jerusalem. The reunification with the land south of the Litani river trans-Jordan, and the rebuilding of our Temple seems a reasonable expectation. On the other hand the Greek city-states and the Roman Empire seem things of the past.

Sociology follows history. How many of your readers knew of Masada ten years ago? In another ten, many may recall the final fortress—the one which gave name to Menachem Begin's Polish "boy's club"—Betar.

Michelle Levy
(Plugah Ken Queen
Cassinni Division,
IZL)

The quiz was compiled by Rabbi Lewis of Atlanta whose name was omitted by error.—Ed.

Independence: The Day of All Days

Independence Day 1981

INDEPENDENCE: THE DAY OF ALL DAYS

Malkah Raymist

This is a shortened version of a chapter of the book "Stiff Necked City—a Siege Diary", an unpublished manuscript dealing with the Siege of Jerusalem in Israel's War of Independence.

Malkah Raymist, who had served with the allies in World War II, was a war correspondent who joined the young Israeli army when her work as a correspondent in the besieged City became impossible. Malkah Raymist, who lives in Jerusalem, is a long-time contributor to the Press Service.

'And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come back to thy borders'.

Jeremiah: 31, 16.

In the stillness of the night there suddenly was noise. Many voices rang and shouted "Medina Ivrit, ya Hofshit!" (A Jewish State, the immigration). Then a powerful Halleluya came floating towards us like a mighty wave. The streets of Jerusalem responded, reinforcing the echo. It was followed by another song, emphatic and triumphant—"Am Israel hai, hai kayam!", telling the world that the Jewish people, stiff-necked and obstinate, is very much alive despite everything and everybody.

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At last the crowd I had longed for—happy, noisy, growing in size and decibels by the minute. Protruders shone in the Jewish Agency's yard, people were milling, dancing, clapping hands and

singing. The huge courtyard was filling rapidly with people coming from all directions except the South, which was cut off by barbed wire, British soldiers and roadblocks.

Milk vans, beer vans, bakers' vans and heavy lorries were bringing loads of singing people. Horras were danced in several parts of the yard. Buses from the suburbs were disgorging incredible numbers of people. So many were hanging onto the steps and mudguards, that the buses looked like crowds moving on wheels. Doctors and nurses returning from hospital duty joined in the celebrations.

Short speeches were made from the balcony in the courtyard, crowds cheering and applauding. Someone shouted: "Golda! Our Golda, speak to us!", and Golda Mayerson (later Meir), then Head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, had to speak twice.

Hundreds of youngsters were starting energetic horras as soon as their feet touched the ground. Someone was telling about two brothers estranged for many years by a family feud, who, on hearing the great news rushed to each other's homes, met half way and embraced. Cobblers, building laborers, university professors, peanut vendors, Jewish policemen, students, children, were all mingling happily, loving each other, the world, and the United Nations.

Who said Jews did not know how to rejoice? Who said Jerusalem knew only how to lament? True, the Jerusalemite is peculiar-

ly stolid and sedate, and there is hardly any night life in the Holy City. The Children of Israel once used to dance before the Ark. But there was no Ark, only the prosaic, squat, utilitarian compound of the Jewish Agency, and they danced before it—their hope, their stronghold.

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The Jewish Agency's doors were thrown open. The crowd was so dense, that I thrust my hand inside, was pulled in by a fellow journalist, and nearly skinned. Everybody was flushed and happy. Wine was served to all comers. Some friendly non-Jewish journalists kept saying "mazel tov".

An old Sephardi woman sat alone in a corner, tears streaming down her withered cheeks. She should not have been here alone, she should be surrounded by sons and daughters and many grandchildren. Yet she smiled happily, shedding tears of joy.

An old oriental Jew with a prophetic beard and a tall Persian lamb cap as white as his beard, was holding a glass with wine. He announced: "Silence!" in a compelling voice, and there was a hush. Slowly he lifted the glass and recited the blessing over wine: "Blessed be the Lord, who bringeth forth wine from the fruit of the vine tree". He was in no hurry to drink. "Blessed be the Lord, who created us and sustained us and let us live until this day". Now he will drink. But not yet. He passed a slim brown hand over his white beard and recited a third blessing, composed by him-



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self for the occasion: "Blessed be the Lord, who hath returned the Land of Israel to the Children of Israel. Amen". We all breathed Amen, and he drank as if performing a rite. The anonymous old man from the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, probably making brooms or mending cooking pots, had risen to the occasion. For one brief moment he had been High Priest. He had not lived in vain. We had not lived in vain.

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A boy scout of about fourteen came running in with a bugle, jumped onto a low wall and people gathered around him. Unwilling to waste his talents on a small audience he waited, then played the reveille very badly but forcefully, and was wildly applauded.

British and military vehicles, flying the blue and white flag, were filled with children riding around in them, singing, cheering . . . I could not believe my eyes. Are these the soldiers and policemen who only yesterday were making arrests and searches?

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The following afternoon there was a cocktail party for the inauguration of the Jerusalem Press Club. The date, fixed long ago, could not have been better chosen. Besides local and foreign newspapermen and local notables, there were British officials and police officers. There was laughter, banter, and groups were forming to go out for dinner and celebration.

Then in walked the correspondent of "Haaretz". He looked ill and haggard. Standing in the middle of the room, brightly lit and festive with bunting, he announced in a toneless voice that the first victims of hatred had already fallen. Several cars had been attacked on the coastal road between Tel-Aviv and Netanya. Many killed and wounded. Fighting had broken out in some quarters of Jaffa, while other Arabs, not knowing yet how to react, continued merrymaking

with the Tel-Aviv crowds.

Joy flickered out like a candle. Tomorrow will be a hard and ugly day, and so will many tomorrows. For some minutes we were like children trying to make their pleasure last.

Fate had smiled on us benevolently for a very brief moment, but it had been a crooked smile.

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The concerned father told his son he was worried about his son's rank at the bottom of the class. "Don't worry, dad. They teach the same thing at both ends."

Kibbitzing-Community News

THE WORLD OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM IN CHARLOTTE

The entire Jewish community of Charlotte joined in sponsoring a presentation of Arnold Perl's "The World of Sholom Aleichem" on April 4th and 5th. The Saturday night performance was followed by a reception with refreshments. There were matinee and evening performances on Sunday. The stage of Spirit Square is a long way from Chelm, but the audience experienced a visit to a time and place which exist no more. Characters of the "Shtetel" were portrayed convincingly, with appropriate manner and flavor. Director Pedro Silva earned high praise for his direction and his narration as Mendele, the bookseller. He is a four seasons veteran of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival, as are some others in the company. The Sholom Aleichem stories were "Tale of Chelm" and "The High School." The third number was "Montche Schweig," a moving tale by Peretz.

Co-operating organizations responsible for arrangements with Amateurs Play Service, Inc., proceeded in cooperation with the High Point Jewish Federation, the Charlotte Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, the North Carolina Hebrew Academy, and Charlotte's Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Shalom, and Temple Israel.

DEVORAH HADASSAH, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Ms. Linda Schiffer has been appointed Chairperson for the local CELEBRATION 33 event, as announced by Mrs. Alice Schreiber, President of Devorah Group-Charlotte Hadassah, which is coordinating all aspects of the Gala in Charlotte.

CELEBRATION 33 is a unique collaborative event, joining the efforts of the State of Israel and a vast spectrum of the performing arts, the world of business and 18 diverse international charitable organizations which support educational facilities based in Israel. The total event will happen on May 11th, 1981, and is called CELEBRATION 33 to honor the 33rd Anniversary of the State of Israel.

Highlights of the evening will include a Gala Cocktail Party (Buffet Style) preceding the world premiere of the film "THE CHOSEN", based on the best selling book by Chaim Potok. This major film premiere will occur simultaneously in some 1,000 theatres around the world, including the United States, Canada, Israel, India, Turkey, Greece, Thailand, Switzerland, Finland, Hong Kong, Nepal, Jamaica, Portugal, Nicaragua, Burma, France, New Zealand, Singapore and many other countries. Locally, the PARK TERRACE THEATRE in the Park Road Shopping Center, will be joining the international line-up of theatres. The film will not go into general release until the Fall of 1981.

In addition to the Cocktail Party and the Premiere of the film, there will be a one-time-only showing of an "entertainment-on-film" starring some of the greatest talents of the performing arts in a bright mosaic of poetry, humor, dramatic

literature, music and song. This gala of stars was created especially for this evening, and will never be seen again once the evening is over.

Approximately 500,000 people worldwide will be attending the extraordinary event, with all tickets priced at \$100.00 apiece. Proceeds are expected to reach upwards of \$50,000,000, and will be for the benefit of educational institutions in Israel.

During her announcement of Ms. Schiffer's appointment, Mrs. Schreiber commented that "this is a unique opportunity to raise enormous sums for the Medical School, Dental School, Henrietta Szold School of Nursing, the School of Occupational Therapy, the Community College, the Institute of Vocational Guidance and Comprehensive High School, all of which are founded and run through Hadassah. We are all very excited about its potential."

Among the committee assisting Ms. Schiffer are: Mrs. Tobey Silber, Co-ordinator for the Cocktail Party Gala; Mrs. Muriel Levitt, Publicity Representative; Mrs. Helen Solow, Mrs. Pearl Rohde and Mrs. Pearl Schiffer, Sales Co-ordinators.

CELEBRATION 33 was conceived by motion picture producers Ely and Edie Landau and Mr. Meshulam Riklis who is the Chairman of the Board of Rapid-American Corporation.

For additional information of ticket purchase, please contact any of the above ladies at: DEVORAH HADASSAH, P.O. Box 220977, Charlotte, N.C. 28222, or you may call Ms. Schiffer at 831-7034 (local if calling from Charlotte or Gastonia).

CHARLOTTE B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

by Estelle Goozner

The Charlotte Chapter of BBW held their Installation of Officers Luncheon at Temple Israel, Wednesday, April 1, 1981 at 11:30 a.m.

Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Temple Israel gave the invocation honoring Terri Cathcart, of the wonderful work she has accomplished as President of BBW.

The honored guests who have attended were Lou Albert, Social Director of the Jewish Community Center and Federation, Sue Brodsky, incoming President for Halailah, Peggy Gartner, President of Adovah Council, Marge Houser (Vicki Hopkins, mother) John Hopkins (Vicki Hopkins, husband) Betty VandeRoest, Director of Voluntary Action Center, Miriam Wallace, International Board member of BBW.

A lovely gourmet luncheon was served by our members' golden hands; Tobey Silber, Linda Binnick, Beverley Greenwald, Arlene Shapiro, Susan Bruck, Lillian Sutta, Thelma Levy and Lorri Barman.

Vicki Hopkins had an overwhelming surprise that day through her parents' gift to her, a Life membership to BBW.

Terri Cathcart gave her outgoing president's address, saying "she had such a busy time that she didn't feel what the prestige really is being President for BBW. She reminded us of working for the Pool Party fund raiser, the Personal Giving Campaign, "A Night at the Races", Gift Wrap booths, getting the bulletin out on time, good programs for meetings, Dolls for Democracy, Sick Loan Chest, Cancer foundation by stuffing kits, baking cakes for the children of the Alexander Home, Soviet Jewry, Muscular Dystrophy, testing hearing for the elderly, collecting clothes for the needy, etc. She also thanked the Board for their work well done. Everyone stood and gave Terri Cathcart, our outgoing President, a standing

ovation with great applause. She received a plaque and gavel as a gift for her term of Presidency.

Susan Bruck was the Installing Officer of the day. She is the Vice Chairperson of the BBW in the region and Anti-Defamation League board member.

A large yellow chrysanthemum was given each outgoing officer and a bouquet of chrysanthemums was given to the outgoing President Terri Cathcart plus a past president pin.

Each new officer received a sealed envelope of a spice and herb. Vicki Hopkins, our incoming president, received a blend of all the spices. She also received her President Pin and gavel. We wished her mazel-tov, and Vicki gave her acceptance address "that to volunteer is to reach so many citizens and to improve the quality of life," and she will continue her commitment by participation.

Peggy Gartner gave the benediction, and we all went home elated and committed to continue the good work of BBW.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

by Estelle Hoffman

Sisterhood enjoyed a beautiful luncheon meeting on March 11th for paid-up members. The program was furnished by the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio.

The annual Purim Carnival was held on Sunday, March 15th, with games, prizes, and refreshments, including the traditional Hamen-tashen. This year Temple Beth El and Temple Beth Shalom combined, holding the Carnival for children under eleven years of age at Temple Israel and the Carnival for those over eleven at Temple Beth El. There were clowns, costumes, and a Purim play. Parents accompanied their children in the celebration. The Megillah reading at Temple Israel was Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Groggers were sounded and refreshments served following the reading. The Megillah reading was repeated the following morning.

SOUNDS OF AMERICA were sung by Charlotte high school students at a Temple Israel Family Night. A box dinner was enjoyed before the delightful program.

The home of Toby and Lew Spitzer was the setting for the SING ALONG on Saturday evening, March 28th. The Sing Along and the refreshments which the guests bring along are directed by Cantor Frank Birnbaum, an informal social evening.

On Wednesday, April 8th, Rabbi Richard Rocklin was the speaker at the Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting. His subject was "The Hagadah and Jewish Mysticism."

On Sunday evening, April 12th Adult Education featured Raphael Panitz, Director of the Hebrew Academy, who spoke about the experiences of Jews in Western Europe during the period between the 15th and 18th centuries.

The community Pressman Session was held Sunday, April 19th, at 7:00 p.m. This annual event was conducted by Rabbi Richard Rocklin with participation by guests.

NORTH CAROLINA HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE

by Rose Massachi

The annual "Tax Break" raffle drawing has taken place, and the Academy is pleased to announce the winners. The 1st prize was won by Dr. Gerson Asrael, 2nd prize went to Sid Cojac, and 3rd prize was won by Mel Berzack. Congratulations to all three!

There is still time to purchase a patron ticket, (\$100 per couple), for the Hebrew Academy's Annual Spring Dinner to be held on Sunday, May 3rd at Temple Israel. Seven Charlotte women, who have devoted a great deal of their time to the Academy in its eleven years

growth, will be honored; (see photo). The Academy will also proudly present Zvi Harry Hurwitz, Minister of Information of Israel, who is well known as a dynamic speaker often compared to Abba Eban. For ticket information, please call either Mel Berzack at 4-7584, or Dr. Stephen Fishman 537-0220.

Turning to recent school projects, the students have been in contact with the community through several field trips. The 1st and 2nd graders had a trip to the Home Economist food store. It was fun for the children to see foods sold in a bulk form, rather than pre-packaged.

The 5th and 6th grades visited the *Charlotte Observer*, where they had a chance to see the newspaper being set up and printed.

On April 5th, grades 1-6 were fortunate to see a performance of "The World of Sholom Aleichem" at Spirit Square. They rode on the 3TV Fun Bus from the JCC to Spirit Square and enjoyed the whole afternoon very much.

Nancy Goodman, a teacher of Social Studies, recently took a group of students to a local travel agency where they learned how tours are commercially planned for customers.

Also, an astrologer recently visited a science class at the Academy and explained what astrologers do and what they claim to see.

During the month of March, Dr.

Saul Wachs, national consultant to Solomon Schechter Day Schools, visited and observed the Academy. He also had an opportunity to teach lessons to several grades.

Prospective kindergarten students and their parents were able to visit the school during March, in preparation for attending next year.

Raphael Panetz, Director of the Academy, has recently tried something new. One day he held Biblical Scavenger Hunts and Treasure Hunts in which he wrote out biblical passages, hid them outdoors, and the students searched for them. This proved to be a unique and fun way for them to learn the quotations which can sometimes be difficult to remember.

On April 9th parents and grandparents of Academy children attended a "Remembrance of Passovers Past" at the school. At that time, members of the Jewish community, as well as the parents and grandparents of the Academy children, shared with the students, memories of Passovers from their younger days. It was a very heart-warming experience for everyone involved. A week later this was followed by the Academy's own Passover seder, at Temple Israel. The children ran the entire seder by themselves. It's the Academy's hope that these current Passover events will long be fondly remembered by all of its students in the years to come.

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N.C. Association of Jewish Women

ANNUAL MEETING, RALEIGH—NCAJW

The Sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women was celebrated on April 12 at the Mission Valley Inn at Raleigh. Outgoing President Doris Dworsky spoke with deep conviction about the fact that NCAJW members need to keep in mind that in our talk about Programs we must remember not the captions of our programs, but the people affected by the programs. In the Blumenthal Home for the Aged, our efforts are directed to the people resident there. A Chair in a University, Scholarships, American Freedoms Association all benefit people. Accompanying this article are excerpts from Doris's expression of her sentiments concerning her tenure of office as President of NCAJW.

Interesting reports of all committees were made. Apparently, funds normally contributed by government agencies will be curtailed, and other means will be necessary to pursue our endeavors. Increasing our membership is an important avenue which will provide additional money. The Remembrance Fund, which contributed \$5,450 in the past year, under the State Chairmanship of Mrs. Minnie Sutker and her able committee throughout the Carolinas, is a potential source of ever greater contributions. More Committee members are needed in communities which have none. We were reminded that a letter in 1957 was written by Madolyn Blumenthal eight years before the Home for the Aged was established, starting the Remembrance Fund on the "Double Chai Anni-

versary" of NCAJW. Names of the original Committee were read.

Various suggestions were offered and will be considered by the new Board of Directors.

The Blumenthal Home was represented by Al Mendlovitz, who spoke in gratitude for the support of our organization. He expressed concern about the freeze on funds ordinarily provided by Washington, giving us the alternatives of cutting back on services or generating \$100,000 more by our own efforts than last year.

The motion made by Mrs. Yetta Leder to allocate \$3 from each member's dues to the Home, instead of \$1, as in the past, was passed by the membership. With 41% increase in membership this year to 649, this will serve as the beginning of increased efforts. It was pointed out that 65% of Jewish residents in the Home are on Medicaid, more than ever before, and that the Home is, indeed, our highest priority.

Continuing projects of NCAJW are the Scholarship Funds, which charge no interest to recipients, and which are to be repaid; American Freedoms Fund, devoted to the World Peace Movement, Judaic Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the North Carolina Visiting Scholars Program. Also ranking high in importance are Hebrew Day Schools and Library of Judaica.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year, which were elected by the members present. The new officers are:

Eva Gerstel, President
Francine Schauer, 1st Vice President
Carol Guld, 2nd Vice President

Evelyn Perry, 3rd Vice President
Doris Dworsky, 4th Vice President
Gloria Rose, Recording Secretary

Yetta Leder, Treasurer
In her acceptance of the Presidency, Eva Gerstel paid tribute to Doris Dworsky, who has "lived the organization," and voiced her objective to increase membership with a view of six thousand potential members in North Carolina. Changes in By-Laws and consideration of suggestions proposed at the meeting will be referred to the new Board of Directors.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT April 12, 1981

by Doris Dworsky
**Where We Were, 1979,
Where We Are, 1981**

Sometime in May of 1979, Yetta Leder phoned me and asked me to accept for the nomination as president of NCAJW. What an honor! But did I know enough about being a president? No, I didn't. A vice-president, a treasurer, a committee chairperson, yes, but president of a statewide organization, forget it! Well, you believe in an organization's objectives and you feel a deep commitment to them that's not an easy thing to do. Besides, I thought, what's the worst that could happen? So I'll make some mistakes. It must happen to everybody who accepts a leadership role. You might even say it comes with the territory. So with 35 members on board and a dozen brief cases full of the orga-

tion's past history I became your president

chose all of our Executive officers other than our beloved Yetta Leder from my own hometown for many reasons. Not only were they well qualified to assume their respective responsibilities, but geographic accessibility seemed to be a necessity, for not only could we assist each other with work assignments, but we could communicate more easily. Further, the decision to choose officers from Raleigh I believed could make NCAJW more visible to State Government officials and could allow us to attend functions regularly, such as the State Council Meetings and forums and workshops presented by the North Carolina Council on Women's organizations.

My goal was, "If we can but halt the downward momentum of recent years we will have accomplished an important goal and in turn build positive momentum in the future." And we have done just that.

The North Carolina Association of Jewish Women: Had new members participating in workshops, symposiums and conferences. Topics such as Permanency Planning, Issues of the 80's, Advocacy and Leadership Training were taught.

Provided religious holiday information to the Governor's office and the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations, so that no social functions will be held on Rosh Hashonah, from Kippur and Passover.

Spoke at synagogues and temples in order to encourage membership in our organization, both in Raleigh and Durham.

Established a membership mailing list of 4300 Jewish residents living in N.C. and, with the cooperation of the Blumenthal Home and Yetta Leder, labels and a non-profit organization permit have been obtained, thus reducing the cost of mailing from 18¢ to 3.5¢. Your president has represented CAJW at every meeting of the

Board of Governors of the Blumenthal Home, and as a result of her evaluation on Gerontological Planning Associates Report, a proposed retirement village on the Blumenthal Land now sits on the Planning Committee for this project. I have been retained for another year as a member of the Board of Governors of the Home.

As our final accomplishment, I am pleased to report a 41% increase in our membership since 1979.

LUNCHEON MEETING OF NCAJW AND NCAJM AT RALEIGH

The Annual Joint Meeting of the Men's and Women's organizations was opened by a welcome from Doris Dworsky, outgoing President of North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. The Invocation was delivered by Jean Caplan. An excellent luncheon served by the Mission Valley Inn was enjoyed by 175 members attending. Following the meal were Greetings by Doris Dworsky and Dr. Ronald Mukamal, President of NCAJM.

Guests seated on the dais were introduced by Marilyn Wilensky. Al Mendlovitz spoke briefly about the Blumenthal Jewish Home, and a resident of the Home, Mrs. Rose Bloch, voiced appreciation for the efforts of the Associations for the benefit of the Home.

A Meritorious Services Award was presented to Mrs. Yetta Leder for her devoted service to the NCAJW and the Jewish community since 1948. The Award was presented by Dr. Nell Hirschberg, paying tribute to Yetta, "a loving wife, a caring mother, a devoted friend, an experienced business woman, a knowledgeable community leader." Her coworkers "acknowledge her boundless spirit and friendship. . . In her Jewish community she is known as a congregational stalwart of Beth Israel Synagogue of Whiteville and as a supporter of all worthwhile charitable organizations . . . appreciated as a civic, cultural, and educational guide." The entire family of Yetta Leder gathered to share in paying homage to her.

"Songs of Sentiment," a witty musical skit written by Selma Schoen, delighted the assembly. Participants were Doris Dworsky, Elizabeth Levine, Selma Schoen, and Marilyn Wilensky, accompanied by Meryle Freedman at the piano.

Fanny Heilig, Fanny Nieman, and Minnie Sutker were honored for fifty years of service rendered through membership in NCAJW, and special honors went to Sadie Schaeffer for her 60 years. Doris Dworsky also honored Past Presidents of NCAJW and presented them with corsages. They are Molly Freedman, Nell Hirschberg, Semmie Jacobs, Yetta Leder, Esther Leder, Pearl Schechter, Genevieve Schwerin, and Judy

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Sutker.

Sally Wade, Information Resources Coordinator of the Governor's Office on Citizens' Affairs, then presented Human Services Awards. With enthusiasm and wit, she expressed her pleasure in participating, confessing to having been a Yankee, "once, in another life," and defined a Yankee as "an idealist, even after he's come to see how hopeless it is." She lauded the works of the Associations, quoting the late Hubert Humphrey's stated belief that "Friendship and love are the greatest healing therapy." She presented the Human Services Awards to Ruth Julian, Nancy Laslow, Audrey Madans, Jackie Woodward, Herman Bernard, Arthur Shain, and Dr. Abram Kanov. The Certificates cited the recipients for their leadership and distinguished service.

From Governor James Hunt's office, the Hon. Ted Kaplan brought greetings from Governor Hunt, declaring him to be a friend of the Jewish people. Because of the Governor's personal commitment to Volunteerism, he has high praise for our two Associations for leadership in community services.

Guest Speaker was Bel Kaufman, whose subject was "My Grandfather, Sholom Aleichem: A Survivor Through Laughter." Born in Berlin, and having spent her childhood in Odessa and Moscow, she came to the United States at the age of twelve. She speaks English with perfect diction and fluency. She has written stories, articles, and verse, and has translated Russian poetry into English. Her well known book, "Up The Down Staircase," written from her experience as a teacher of children, was made into a movie. She has also taught at the college level, and is in great demand as a speaker. She spoke to us of her grandfather and his humor, interspersed with her own. She quoted Sholom Aleichem generously, and we shall sprinkle some of those

quotations through the Times Outlook. She said, "It's a far cry from the Shtetl to Raleigh, but not so far, because you are here, because you know who you are and where you come from. You are your brother's keepers and your sister's and their children." "If we are able to laugh, we will not only survive, but prevail. . . Everything is possible in America. It is even possible to laugh—no, it is necessary. . . You've got to stay alive, even if it kills you," and we Jews have done just that."

The closing benediction was made by Rabbi Abe Schoen. The day had been filled with inspiration.

A mother woke her son one morning, telling him it was time to get ready to go to school. The son pulled the covers over his head and said, "I don't want to go to school. I don't want ever to go to school again." On his mother's further attempts to get him up, he asked, "Why should I go to school?" "Because," answered his mother, "The first reason is that you are forty-six. The second reason is that you are the principal."

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N.C. Association of Jewish Men

ANNUAL MEETING, RALEIGH—NCAJM

This is the fifty-first year of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men. Members attending the annual meeting at the Mission Valley Inn in Raleigh on April 12th were excited by the report that the Association had 275 members the year of July 1979 to June 1980, and has increased to 343 members at present.

Members endorsed the idea of

a chaplaincy service for Duke Hospital, and will urge the Rabbi-nate of Durham to start this service. Through our Association the Blumenthal Foundation would grand seed money to start this service, dependent on the cooperation of the rabbis.

Funds were voted for grants to the North Carolina-Israel Visiting Scholar Program and to the Blumenthal Home.

Election of officers was held.

Serving for the coming year will be:

President—Dr. Ronald Mukam of Whiteville

President-Elect—Arthur Shair of Lumberton

Secretary—Hugo Schiller of Myrtle Beach

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Prison or Paradise?

The proportion of Jews in religious cults far outnumbers their percentage in the general population, according to a new book discussing the rapid growth, wealth, and power of cults in America today.

In *Prison or Paradise? The New Religious Cults* (Fortress Press, \$8.95), authors James and Marcia Rudin estimate that Jews comprise between 20 and 50 per cent of cult members though they are less than 3 per cent of the total American population.

The Rudins assert "the main reason people join a cult is as old as humanity itself: the search for a caring community . . . the most vulnerable target for cult recruitment is the person, young or old, who has made no meaningful connection with an established religion, who is in search of spiritual values and transcendent meaning, who is willing, even yearning, for strict discipline and authority, and who may be burdened with guilt about affluence or sex or drugs."

The Rudins offer some possible

explanations for the large number of Jews in the cults: "First, an extraordinarily high percentage of Jewish young people attend college, and the campus is perhaps the primary area for cult recruitment. Jews almost perfectly fit the target group for possible cult membership: middle class, idealistic, socially mobile, and often in rebellion against parental authority. Unfortunately, some Jews are insecure about their own personal Jewish identity, and this makes them susceptible to the cults' message. Finally, many Jews have a deep commitment to social justice issues and a profound concern about the plight of other peoples—this makes them vulnerable to the cults' appeals to 'save the world'."

The book reviews the growing cult phenomenon, including the histories, beliefs, recruiting methods, and daily lives of members in major religious cults, including the Unification Church, Hare Krishna, Scientology, Divine Light Mission, and the Children of God.

Smaller groups such as the Church of Armageddon—Lo Israel, Tony and Susan Alamo Foundation, The Way and the Word of Christ are discussed more briefly.

A number of characteristics are common to cults, although the authors point out that the generalizations do not apply equally to all groups. Among the characteristics:

- * Members swear total allegiance to an all-powerful leader who they may believe to be messiah.
- * Rational thought is discouraged or forbidden.
- * Recruitment techniques are often deceptive.
- * Followers are weakened psychologically, and believe that problems will be solved by the group.
- * Some cults promise to improve society, raise money and work to help the poor in order to attract idealistic members.
- * Cults are often anti-woman, anti-family, and anti-child.
- * Members believe that the world is coming to an end and that they are the elite in a select survival group.

Cults are often dangerous, physically and psychologically, to members, the authors contend. Although there are people who have found happiness and peace of mind, purpose and meaning in their lives, through cult membership, others have paid a high price, the book points out.

Some members as well as former members have suffered severe mental breakdowns, or experienced a gradual erosion of their intellectual powers and trust in their reasoning and decision-making abilities. Some former cult members never regain their full potentialities, the authors add.

Noting various legal methods for parents interested in removing members, the Rudins suggest a number of basic guidelines to cope with the problem:

- * Avoid severing communications with a family member in a cult.
- * Have the member come home for visits.
- * Avoid debating the cult's ideology, methods, or theology.
- * Do not attempt to immediately replace the cult with another religion.
- * Seek professional counseling or assistance from former cult members.

However, the authors add, the most effective way to counter the cults is to prevent people from going into them. They conclude: "People must be made aware of the rich variety of life-styles and religious options that exist within contemporary Judaism and Christianity which can be accomplished by more effective intensified religious education. If one seeks more structure regulation and authority in life, one need not join one of the new religious cults."

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Inside Israel

ISRAELI STUDENTS ABROAD—A NEW CATEGORY

by Carl Alpert

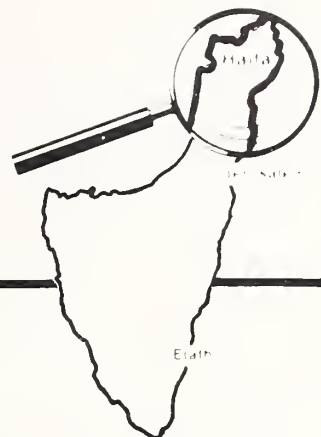
HAIFA—There are about 60,000 students enrolled in Israel's seven institutions of higher learning, among them also many Arabs, both Moslem and Christian. But this is not the sum total of Israelis pursuing higher education. Many young people are to be found at universities in the United States and various European countries. Some have gone there because of the mistaken but snobbish belief that a foreign degree is worth more, and others have gone because they could not measure up to the high admission standards and competitive examinations, as for example at the Technion. It should be added that most of those who go abroad do have successful academic careers.

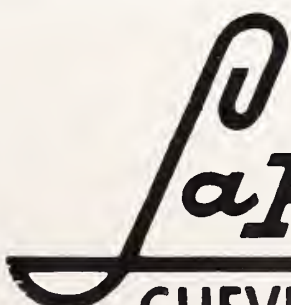
But there is yet another category of overseas student. There are hundreds of Israelis enrolled at universities in the Soviet Union and other Eastern Bloc countries. The program, which began about ten years ago, has developed rapidly

and it is estimated that at this moment some 500 Israelis are enrolled in colleges and universities in the USSR, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia. In the main they study medicine, engineering, architecture, and a sprinkling of other professions. It is doubtful if any remain there after graduation. Some may go on to other countries, but it appears that the majority do return to Israel.

Who are they? They are for the most part young people who have been actively engaged in Communist Party affairs or are family members of Party activities. About 75% of them are Arabs, the remainder Jews.

They are selected by Party leaders on the basis of their high academic standing at high school, their personal economic need, and of course their Party records. All the successful candidates receive full scholarships, which includes transportation both ways, tuition





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and maintenance as well as a preliminary "Ulpan" course in the local language. One stage of their training involves physical work on a national project as part of earning their keep. Another stage includes a full course of studies in Marxism and Communist principles. It helps make them better doctors and engineers.

Upon returning to Israel, some have brought back with them wives from the lands of their study, though frequently the women find it difficult to make the adjustment because of the great contrast between life in Moscow, Prague, and Budapest, on the one hand and life in an Arab mountain village on the other. Russian Jewish immigrants, it appears, are not the only ones who have integration problems.

As the program has grown, it has enhanced enormously the prestige of the Israel Communist party, Rakah, among the Arab youth.

If the Communists have seized the opportunity to exploit this fertile ground for planting of spies, there has not yet been any extensive evidence of this, but the risk is not lost upon the authorities here.

In recent years some Arab leaders have sought to establish Arab-sponsored universities here and the idea was seized upon with enthusiasm by those who did not subscribe to Communist ideology. It turned out, however, that the local institutions had a very low academic status, and besides had become hotbeds of virulent anti-Israel propaganda even more extreme than that of the Communists.

Israeli authorities place no more difficulties in the way of those going to study in Moscow or Leningrad than they do in the way of those going to study in Boston or Los Angeles.

Book Reviews

by Sidney Goozner

Quest—An Autobiography—by Leopold Infeld. Chelsea Publishing Co., New York. 298 pp. \$14.95.

Leopold Infeld was an atomic scientist who, like many nuclear physicists of his generation, was appalled by the atom bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and joined the scientific community in opposition to the nuclear arms race. This is his story relating his experiences of life in two worlds, his native Poland and the United States and Canada.

Leopold Infeld was born in 1898 in the ghetto section of Kazimierz in Cracow, the old capital of Poland which prior to World War I was part of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

The experiences of Leopold Infeld are typical of the life and struggles of Jewish intellectuals of his generation who tried to break out of the confines of the ghetto with its parochial attitudes toward secular education into the new world of enlightenment (*haskalah*), a world that, unfortunately, was enveloped in universal Anti-semitism.

The book begins ominously with the prologue "The Beginning and the End." The author and his American born wife stop at an Inn in a New England village on their way from Toronto to New York.

Tourist House, Cosy Rooms with Beauty-Rest Mattresses—\$1.00. "I wonder whether they would have let me in this tourist house if I were alone without you." "Oh yes they would," his wife replies. "They probably imagine that Jews are so terrible that no one who looks half human can be a Jew . . . you do need a shave."

It is the fall of 1939. The Germans have invaded Poland. **Nazis Enter Cracow . . . Old Polish Capital Taken Without Resistance . . .**

The childhood of Leopold Infeld was very typical of thousands of

Jewish youngsters who forced the parrot teaching of the Talmud Torah (Cheyder) where the reading of the prayers were taught through endless repetition until they were imprinted into their memory though hardly a word was understood. Rebellion against such "teaching" was quite common, especially among children who had a thirst for knowledge.

After three partitions Poland was divided among Russia, Germany and Austria. Austria allowed various nationalities to have their own schools where their respective languages were taught along with German. The Jews of Austria occupied Poland were considered Poles and attended Polish schools where they learned Polish history and together with their Christian counterparts were Polish patriots longing for an independent and unified Poland.

As soon as Poland gained independence—after World War I, the contributions of Jewish-Polish patriots were forgotten, and Anti-semitism reared its ugly head in its most violent and vitriolic manner. The crooked logic of Antisemitism is very aptly illustrated by Infeld goes something like this:

"The Jews poison our culture. We must keep our schools, books, universities, literature free of Jews. Let them have their own schools free of the restrictions of the ghetto."

Then the thesis is reversed: "Jews closed in the ghetto formed a strange and hostile body in a national organism. They are parasites on our economic and cultural life. They reject our language . . . **They are our enemies . . .**"

Under such circumstances Leopold Infeld managed to complete his high school studies in a gymnasium—and passed his matura, a comprehensive examination to qualify

mittance to the University. After a brief stay at the University of Lwów he went to Berlin, where he studied Theoretical Physics under the most renowned scientists of the time, Einstein, Planck, Bohr and Max Born. He got his PHD in Theoretical Physics and went back to Poland where he found an extremely hostile environment and a bleak future for a Jewish Theoretical Physicist. The intrigues used by Polish University heads to deny him a position are canny. He was eventually given a position of docent (a lecturer not the regular faculty) in Theoretical Physics at the University of Lwów, even though the chair of Professor of Theoretical Physics was vacant. It seems the University would rather have had an empty chair than fill it with a qualified Jewish applicant. Antisemitism grew more violent in Poland. After 1933 events in Germany exacerbated the situation of the Jews in Poland, especially in the world of Academia. Jewish students were assigned special seats, and when they refused to acquiesce to such indignities they were often backed and beaten by their Polish fellow students. Infeld applied for a fellowship at Princeton University and with the help of Albert Einstein received a grant to do research in Theoretical Physics at the prestigious Institute of Advanced Studies headed by Einstein. The book contains many stories and anecdotes about Einstein, his simplicity, his modesty, his humanism, which make very interesting reading. We are also given an insight into Theoretical Physics, the concept of **field** and **matter**, the gravitational theory, and the theory of relativity condensed in language that a layman can understand.

The book as published first in 1951 with a one-page chapter titled **The End and The Beginning**. The author had accepted a position as lecturer in Theoretical Physics at Toronto University. He

stopped at an Inn in a New England Village—

Tourist House, Cosy Rooms with Beauty-Rest Mattresses—\$1.

Newscasts proclaim:

Warsaw: **German planes raided the center of Warsaw.**

Paris: **This is Paris speaking. The moon shines over the city. Everyone is quiet. There is no hatred as in 1914 . . .**

This new edition published in 1980 contains an Epilogue taken from an article by the author published in 1965 in *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*. In it he summarizes his life and work in the U.S. and Canada. When the Atom Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima he was appalled and shocked, as were most of the atomic scientists including Einstein. The author gave numerous popular lectures on the elementary theory on nuclear physics, of the A-bomb, and of the importance of preserving peace, a view shared by many scientists; that the so called "secret" of the A-bomb was no secret, and that Russia could develop an A-bomb within three years, if it put its resources to work.

He visited Europe in 1949 and spent 3 weeks in his native Poland, which earlier in the book he referred to as "the world of my past which I **despised and loved**". While in Warsaw he visited Warsaw University and was impressed with the dynamism of Polish education, even though the ruins and poverty were apparent everywhere. He was asked by the Polish Minister of Higher Education to come back to Poland and head the department of Theoretical Physics at Warsaw University. He declined the offer, because he felt that it would be too much of a sacrifice for his American born wife and his two young children. However, he made a commitment to lecture for one academic year, 1950-1951, at Warsaw University. Meanwhile the cold war was beginning to heat up. He was vilified in the press and branded a communist (sic) "traitor". He was pressured by the

University of Toronto to renege on his commitment, which he refused rather indignantly. While in Poland he was requested to surrender his passport and was denied re-entry to Canada. Some years later the Canadian government revoked his children's native citizenship. Professor Infeld died in Warsaw January 15, 1968.

A fuller description of his later life is given in two small books written in Polish, and translated into English by his wife, Helen Infeld, and published in 1978—*Why I Left Canada: Reflections On Science and Politics*.

It may be difficult for a native American Jew to comprehend the feelings of Leopold Infeld toward his native Poland "which I despised and loved". The contributions that Jews have made their respective native lands, Spain, France, Germany, England, Russia, Poland, etc. attest to their genuine feelings for, and attachments to their native lands. This, in spite of the fact that they were despised, vilified and persecuted by the indigenous populations. As a native Romanian with similar experiences in my quest for secular education in a gymnasium in Romania, I felt a great deal of empathy for the author, his trials and tribulations, and the dichotomy within him about his feelings toward his native land.

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by Lazar Chotiner

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"To me a Jew is neither a specific ethnic or religious or cultural designation. To me a Jew is a special kind of man whatever his race or color or religion; a man who has learned the bitter art of survival and the ability to endure adversity with dignity; a man who has dared to be different when the costs of difference sometimes were life itself.

"But he is no member of a super-race and for dark periods in history, men who thought they were members of a super-race believed he could be exterminated. I sat in rooms as a foreign correspondent in the blackout hole of Berlin during World War II and talked with members of one

supposed super-race who thought to practice genocide against a people much older and wiser than themselves. And as they mechanically mouthed the philosophical insanities that had been programmed into them by a madman, this reporter, a Hawaiian born Roman Catholic of German American parentage mentally and morally became a Jew. Yes, I did—for to me a Jew became more than just a member of a particular minority group in a specific place and in a specific time. He became a cause and it had a name—freedom! Freedom of the individual spirit to express itself according to the dictates of its own conscience.

"Today the wandering Jew wanders no more. Nor does he wonder who he is or what he is.

"He stands like a beacon light in a world that has often been darkened by the shame of racial and religious hatred. He glows inwardly and outwardly with the knowledge that while he is imperfect like all of his fellow men, he has given the world an historic lesson in survival. Survival with dignity and confidence and courage and grace.

"Whether intellectual prince or peasant, today's Jew has proved to the world that to be a Jew is still something special and something different. His inferiority complex was blasted away by the rise of Israel, a tiny state in a vast hostile land that seems to be all muscle but has left room for much heart.

"Israel continues to hold out to its historic enemies friendship with one hand while it clings to its rifle with the other. And it is our view that it is the hand that holds the rifle that eventually will end the current troubles in the Middle East. Today, strong, proud and

determined Israel belongs not to the Jewish alone but to all the world. In our view it is a flesh and blood statue of liberty.

"Israel has caught the torch of liberty . . . and to her we say hold it high. And let no force on earth ever dim its light, much less extinguish its flame."

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From a Bulletin of the University of Vermont: Only classes with enrollment of twelve or more will be conducted. No class numbering fewer than eight will be held. Classes with enrollments under four will be cancelled.

One morning Bel Kaufman entered the classroom in which she taught English to find written on the blackboard, "White facist pigs go home." She questioned what was meant by "facist," and was told that it did, indeed, mean "fascist." Thereupon she inquired of the class what "fascist" meant. Nobody could answer. She said they had "learned to hate by rote."

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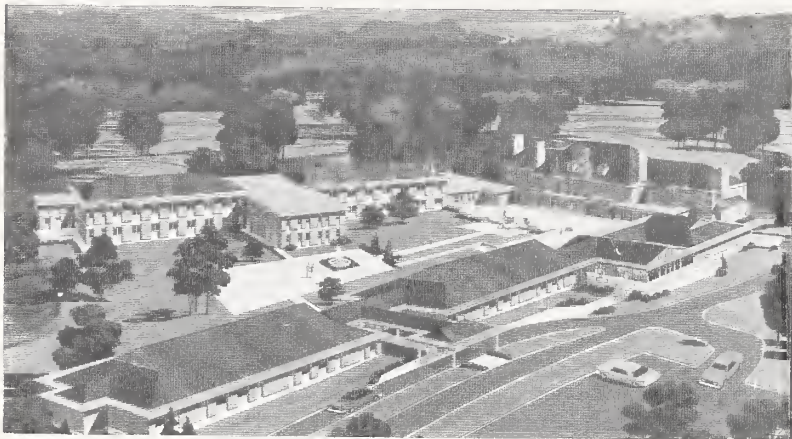
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Concerning the gobbledy gook of the language of our schools, can you tell me what a slow non-reader is? Does he differ from a fast non-reader?—Bel Kaufman

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May, 1981

We Celebrate The Month Of May

May—the month of May Day, Yom Hoshoa, Mother's Day, Israel Independence Day and Memorial Day—is also the time of National Volunteers Week, Older Americans Month and Blumenthal Jewish Home Sabbaths. Some of the highlights of the month are noted below. Please include them on your calendar as we look ahead to springtime, special observances and festivity!

APRIL 30—Rabbi Robert Sandman (Congregation B'nai Israel in High Point) will lead the kick-off ceremony for the month of May. Emphasizing the role of the Blumenthal Jewish Home in the state, he will also recognize Older American Month and speak briefly about Yom Hoshoa. Al. A. Mendlovitz, Executive Director of the Home, Mrs. Selma Caston (President of Residents Council) and members of the Board will join residents and their families in this special observance which will begin at 1:30 in the Home's Living Room.

MAY 1—Yom Hoshoa. Sam Jacobson will lead services at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

MAY 3—OUTDOOR CONCERT. Residents, family members, guests, members of the Board and volunteers will be treated to a gala outdoor concert, the first in the Morris A. Brenner Memorial Concert Series. "Matrix", a well-known area brass quintet, will perform on the patio at 2:30 p.m. At 3:30, immediately following the concert, special recognition will be given to the volunteers who have served the Home during the 1980-81 year. Refreshments will be served. **Raindate is May 17, 2:30 pm.**

MAY 9—ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY. Special services led by Sam Jacobson in the sanctuary at 9:30 am.

MAY 12—Voting Day in Clemmons on the issue of incorporation.

2:00-4:00 pm—**SPRINGFEST!** The Blumenthal Jewish Home's Rite of Spring! Booths of artwork, crafts, food, and exhibits for sale and display in the courtyard! Food, games and special prizes will be featured. Live music and entertainment will be offered continuously throughout the afternoon.

Members of the Clemmons Senior Citizen Club, students from Stepping Stones (a local day care school), residents and staff will all participate in the exhibits and booths. We invite everyone to this unique afternoon. **Raindate is May 17, 2 pm**

MAY 13—"Annie Get Your Gun"—the Winston-Salem's Little Theatre's production of the musical comedy. Leave the Home at 7 pm.

MAY 17—MOTHER'S DAY. Special recognition during the noon meal at the Home.

MAY 26—Winston-Salem Symphony. Leave Home at 7 pm.

MAY 30—MEMORIAL DAY.

May—National Older Americans Month

A poster of the beautiful, talented Ruth Gordon, well-known actress and author, bears the slogan, "Get into the Act . . . Play a Part in Older Americans Month." President Kennedy first designated Older Americans Month a national observance in 1963. (Then it was called Senior Citizens Month.) Since that time, each May is officially proclaimed Older Americans Month in a statement by the President released by the White House.

What does Older Americans Month mean? In general, it sets aside a time for emphasizing the vital roles of older people in American society and in the community; it focuses attention on senior citizen centers, nutrition projects and other aging network programs in the local community; it promotes further development of community services for older people; it honors older Americans and recognizes their contributions; it generates greater public awareness of the aging of American society; and it reaches out to isolated people who need assistance. This year's special themes revolve around the following topics:

- Building comprehensive community services to help older people live at their highest potential and make their maximum contribution to the community.

- Strengthening the capacity of Area Agencies on Aging and other private and public organizations to serve older people.
- Promoting and advocating full integration of older people into mainstream American society, where they have important, constructive roles to play.
- Developing a reasonably comprehensive, coordinated range of long-term care services

based in each American community to provide the assistance needed by chronically incapacitated older people.

Preparing for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging, to be held in December in Washington, D.C. (The 1961 and 1971 White House Conferences on Aging were catalysts of changes in American society which significantly improved the status of older people.)

Almost everyone is aware of the statistics that prove that the United States is an aging society. In 1978, one in every nine persons was 65 years old or older. There were 24.1 million men and women in the 65-plus group. The net increase in the 65-plus population is slightly under 600,000 a year, or about 1,510 a day. So?

So today's older generation is larger, more powerful and more visible than ever before. In 1980, the total number of Americans 60 years and over surpassed for the first time the total number of children up to age 10, or youths from 11 to 19. And the older population group is increasing much faster than the children and youth groups. Yet much of its impact on society is seen in a negative rather than a positive light.

Communities in the past tended to overlook older people while serving children and youth with overwhelming shares of community services, schooling and recreational opportunities. Today communities are becoming aware of the need to provide opportunities for every kind of involvement and participation in civic life, volunteer service, regular employment, education, and the total life of the community. Yet how can this be accomplished so that older Americans are perceived to be assets to society rather than liabilities?

And what do older people want? Simply to be a part of a community of friends, neighbors, family; to be independent financially; to

have one's own place to live; to enjoy the best possible health and fitness; to have protection against crime, fraud and abuse; to have full legal rights, without suffering age discrimination; to lead useful, active lives with opportunities for intellectual and cultural growth and service.

So May is Older Americans Month—a time to strengthen ties with older family members, with older people in the neighborhood and community. It is a time to tap the knowledge and experience older people have. It is a time to see what each of us can do to improve the lives of older people. So, to quote Ruth Gordon, "Get into the act. You can play a role in Older Americans Month" by asking the Home, your Senior Center or Area Agency on Aging what you can do.

A Good Idea

What do you do when food tastes good, when there's plenty to eat, and when you don't get a great deal of exercise? Most of us, sorry to say it, gain weight because we don't change our eating habits in accordance with our changed life styles.



Members of the "Nutrition Enlightenment" group meet in the Living Room.

Although (or maybe because!) the meals at the Home are nutritionally balanced and quite tasty, several residents spoke of their need to choose a diet for themselves that would help them lose weight. Under the leadership of

Mrs. Helen Bumgardner, the Home's Dietician, and Sharon Roever, R.T., the "Nutrition Enlightenment" group now meets once a week to discuss the up-coming

week's menus and to plan how much of each food group each member should eat in order to maintain a nutritionally sound diet and still lose weight. We congratu-

late the members of the group for their good idea, and for losing some of the pounds that are bothering them!

A TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTARISM

Home Celebrates Volunteer Recognition Week

Each year, volunteers contribute hundreds of thousands of man hours to community efforts, doing everything from answering phones at animal control shelters to distributing meals-on-wheels to working in public schools and hospitals.

We at the Blumenthal Jewish Home are especially grateful for our volunteers for several reasons. First and foremost, they provide necessary services and help for which there is no paid staff member. In a time of cut-backs and budgetary restraints, this is an especially important contribution. Secondly, they bring to the Home fresh viewpoints, new enthusiasm. Residents know that volunteers come because they want to come and because they enjoy their volunteer duties. Many times they are

volunteers come at regular intervals, as needed. Still others contribute volunteer time once or twice a year at special occasions. All of these people donate their time and energy to the residents and staff of the Home with no expectation of monetary or tangible reward. The only rewards are the personal ones that come from caring and from sharing of themselves.



Alice Fruh & Rose Liebowitz work once a week with kindergarten children at Pinebrook Elementary School.

In the last six months, the Home's regular volunteers have contributed over 200 man hours, performing jobs such as calling bingo, helping with transportation, visiting individual residents, working in the craft shop, working as nurses' aides, and leading exercises. Other volunteers help with the Men's Club, play bridge with residents, and open the Gift Shop. The possibilities for volunteer service are myriad, and the need for volunteer service is very real.

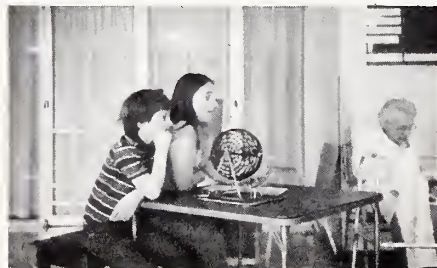
Members of the state-wide Jewish community have volunteered their services by presenting programs, helping with transportation

and visiting on special occasions during the year. These single effort volunteer services lack an aspect of continuity, but they do provide the very necessary element of sharing with residents what is happening in the world outside the Home.



Charlotte Hummer works regularly in the craft shop. Here she consults with Sybil Ketchum & Alice Fruh about their art projects.

To honor its volunteers, the residents and staff of the Blumenthal Jewish Home extend an invitation to each person who has contributed volunteer service to the Home to attend the first of the Morris A. Brenner Memorial Series Concerts, to be held on Sunday, May 3. The MATRIX Brass Quintet, well-known in the Winston-Salem area for its performances of early music as well as modern music, will be featured in an hour-long outdoor concert which will begin at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and special recognitions will be made at this time. Raindate for the concert and the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be **May 17.**



Volunteers Pam and Jeff Travis call bingo for A Wing residents.

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The Home has a corps of approximately 25 volunteers who work at least once a month. Other

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List of Volunteers

The residents, staff and Board of Directors of the Blumenthal Jewish Home wish to express their appreciation to the following volunteers, who have filled the active volunteer roster since January, 1981:

Sharon Badgett
 Mary A. Bailey
 Ellen Berlin
 Bunny Bott
 Kimberly Bott
 Melissa Bott
 Virginia Bowers
 Miriam Brenner
 Kelly Cox
 Patti Denzer
 Edgar Dickinson
 Louise Dickinson
 Pam Goresh
 Lois J. Harmon
 Be Haver
 Charlotte Hummer
 Charlotte Hurwitz

Sam Jacobson
 William D. King
 Debra Kovalak
 Sherrin Matthews
 Janet Mueller
 Phyllis Spence
 Mary Katherine Shough
 George Spransy
 Angie Summers
 Marian Sussman
 Pam Travis

Resource Section for Older North Carolinians

We commemorate May as National Older American Month! As part of our service to the state-wide community of Jewish families, we offer the Home's knowledge of resources which deal with the aging process. Listed below are general categories of services which are available to you.

The Home has complete listings of all public and private agencies across the state. To find out what resources are offered in your community, call us at **1-919-766-6401, ext. 400.** We look forward to bringing of service to you!

Sheltered Employment Services
 Employment for Older Persons
 Shopping Assistance
 Home, Mobile, Congregate
 Meals
 Educational Equipment
 Adult Education
 Senior Citizen Housing
 Personal, Financial Manage-
 ment Counseling

Supplemental Security Income
 Special Benefits for Persons 72
 and Over
 Supplemental Medicine &
 Hospital Insurance (Medicaid)
 Medicare—Health & Hospital
 Insurance for the Aged
 Social Security Retirement
 Benefits
 Companionship Programs
 Chore Assistance and Home-
 maker Assistance
 Day Care for the Elderly
 Escort Service
 Family Life Education
 Foster Grandparents
 Friendly Visiting
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 Citizens
 Retirement Preparation
 Senior Citizens Services
 Telephone Reassurance
 Handicapped Counseling
 Senior Citizen Counseling
 Personal and Family Counseling
 Advisory and Advocacy Groups

Home Health and Attendant
 Care
 Medical Supplies and Equip-
 ment Provision
 Legal Services
 Community Resource Centers
 Information and Referral
 Services
 Senior Citizen Centers
 Free or At Cost Fuel
 Transportation for the Aged
 and Disabled

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS!

Blumenthal Jewish Home:
 919-766-6401 (ext. 400)
 N. C. Division on Aging:
 919-733-3983
 Care-Line (The N. C. Dept. of
 Human Resources' Informa-
 tion and Referral Agency)—
 toll free 1-800-662-7030

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

Giving the older person in your life a subscription to large-print magazines (*Readers Digest*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, etc.) and newspapers?

Giving a gift of membership to the AARP? The American Association of Retired Persons works to secure more equitable treatment for people 55 and over. Through the strength of its membership, the AARP gains for its members benefits which they could not gain for themselves. Modest membership dues assure for the member a subscription to AARP's excellent magazine, *Modern Maturity*, benefits

such as reduced motel rates and drug prices, and eligibility for insurance coverage through the AARP Group Health Insurance Plan. Under this particular insurance plan, individual members' coverage cannot be terminated while the group policies are in force. It's worth looking into! The AARP Membership Division is located at 215 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, California 90801.

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BALANCING THE SCALE IN EVERYONE'S FAVOR

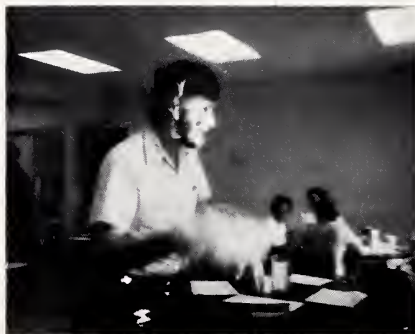
Respite Services

The Blumenthal Jewish home announces a service to address the needs of the Jewish and non-Jewish population living in the community. The Respite Service is meant to provide the older adult and his/her primary care-provider, usually a family member, a break from each other. The Home is opening its doors to an older person who would like to live at the Home for a specific period of time, for example, a week or more, while the care provider takes a break from the caretaking responsibility for pleasure or business. For more information about the Blumenthal Jewish Home's Respite Service, its cost, and other details, contact Ginger Morrison, 919-766-6401.

April Fools!



Well, April 1st started off just like any other day . . . (Rec staff with El Levy).



Residents and staff fooled around (Jimmy was a good sport about a facial of whipped cream!)



An outdoor parade and extravaganza was planned. Everyone was in his place when . . . April Fools on us . . . we got our first Ap shower! The party adjourned in the Living Room, and a gay time was had by all!

Please Tell Me

Grace Chaplin
missions Coordinator

What kinds of religious services does the Home provide?

Friday night and Saturday morning Jewish services are held each week. All the Jewish holidays are observed with services and all the traditional trimmings. Non-denominational Protestant services are held each week at Friendship Circle. In addition, major events in the Protestant calendar, such as Good Friday, Easter and Christmas are observed with special services.

Can husbands and wives come together?

By all means. Couples may come together or separately as they wish. Occasionally, a husband or wife might have to pre-empt the other, as often only one bed is available at a time. There is usually, however, only a short separation time.

Once I come in, can I go out overnight or for the weekend to visit my family?

Yes, we encourage leaves of absence. We do need your doctor's permission. Several of our residents leave for a week's vacation.

May I choose my roommate?

Unfortunately no. When choosing suitable roommates, we have to look at the overall picture of the home and work for the good of the whole. We do, however, take into consideration any preferences that our residents have.

sues, have the pleasure of being helped by Ginger Morrison of the Social Services Department.

Ginger, whose empathetic ear gets bent frequently by residents and staff alike has a quiet, gentle



Ginger Morrison

manner that makes one immediately aware of her genuine concern and interest. Yet her professional manner makes one feel confident that if there is a solution, she can help find it. She is skilled at active listening, and very adept at helping others identify their own alternatives and options. She herself does not give solutions and answers. Although these skills seem to come so naturally to Ginger, they were sharpened and developed through training and experience.

Ginger received a B.A. in English from Converse College in Spartanburg, S. C., and a M. Ed. from Wayne State University in Michigan. Her varied job experiences have included teaching high school competency and college preparatory courses, active duty military personnel in Rhein-main, West Germany while stationed there with her husband, civil service educational guidance counseling and medical-social research at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Always looking for a challenge, she has developed her role in many ways since coming to the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Besides working with the A Wing residents, she has been volunteer coordinator, she has worked to es-

tablish the resident Tour Guides and Welcoming Committee, and is currently engineering the Home's Respite Care program.

Ginger is a truly unique individual, with an enthusiasm for many facets of life. While not busy with her responsibilities at BJH, she finds time to hike, canoe, jog and garden as well as spend time with her family and many friends.

If you have not had the pleasure of meeting Ginger, make the time to treat yourself to the kind of person who can help make living worthwhile.

Focus

ON A RESIDENT

MRS. BERTHA ROBBINS

1980's VOLUNTEER ACTIVIST AWARD WINNER

The letter began, "Dear Mrs. Robbins: You have just been selected as 1980's Volunteer Activist Award winner in a senior adult category by the Voluntary Action Center of Forsyth County. Mrs. Julie F. Sparks, of the Blumenthal Home, nominated you for your outstanding work, and we feel you deserve special recognition." The following paragraph invited her to appear on WXII's *Piedmont Show* (a local television broadcast) during National Volunteer Week, and to attend an honorary dinner!

Mrs. Robbins, who is originally from New York, lived in Egg Harbor, N.J. with her husband and family for a number of years. She has two sons and a daughter who live out of state, and one son, Harold, who lives in Winston-Salem.

The following comments are taken from the letter accompanying Mrs. Robbins' nomination for the Volunteer award:

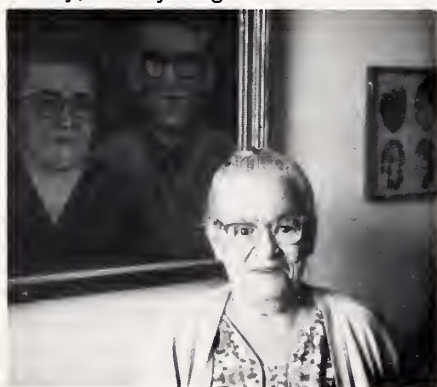
"Mrs. Robbins is a most unique and valuable volunteer. The office at the Home is an extremely busy place, and her assistance was invaluable to us. She came in for

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several hours almost every day, opened Medicare forms and social security checks, alphabetized them and made sure that they were channeled to the correct offices. She prepared envelopes for the large mailings to our Board of Governors, thus keeping the steady flow of paperwork moving. She helped prepare materials for our massive public relations mailings which go out to over 650 families in the United States. She helped collate and otherwise prepare materials for many other mailings. Without her services, the staff would have had to work late many, many nights. Her clerical



Mrs. Bertha Robbins

assistance ultimately benefitted the approximately 125 residents at the Home as well as the Jewish community in North Carolina. The most impressive aspect of Mrs. Robbins' volunteer work is the fact that she is 84 years old and is herself a Resident of the Home. She wheeled herself to the office faithfully, checking in twice daily to see if she could help in any way. Mrs. Robbins became involved in helping us when a social worker here suggested that she might put her energies to good use in the office where the staff was 'pulling its hair out' trying to cope with the large mailings on top of an already heavy work load. Her unselfish devotion of her time was appreciated greatly by the Home and impacted upon many other people."

We would like to mention that the staff and residents of the Home are excited and thrilled by

Mrs. Robbins' winning this award because it recognizes her personal achievement over some of the difficulties caused by age and infirmity. Congratulations, Mrs. Robbins!!

Blumenthal Jewish Home Sabbath

For the second year in a row, synagogues and temples across the state will be joining together in observing Blumenthal Jewish Home Sabbath services. The special sabbaths are a way of sharing with individual congregations news and information about the Home—what kinds of services are offered, what kinds of activities take place, in what ways the Home can be used by the community. They also encourage awareness of issues which involve and affect the elderly and their families. The sabbaths help promote a recognition of the rewards and problems accompanying the aging process.

Speakers representing the Home, members of the Board of Directors, residents and staff will all be involved in the observances. In 1980, 11 congregations participated in a Blumenthal Jewish Home Sabbath. Residents helped make banners of the Home's logo for each congregation and wrote letters to their temples and synagogues. Other residents participated both in the BJH Sabbath in Winston-Salem at Temple Emanuel, and in Greensboro at Temple Emanuel.

The Sabbath observances help create an awareness of the Home's purpose and philosophy as well as draw attention to the needs of community elderly. (Last year in Greenville, SC, the emphasis was on Older Americans Month, with mention of the Home as a resource. A Core Group was formed to help transport elderly

residents to services, do chores, telephone, etc.)

We take pride in the fact that congregations around the state honor the work and the people associated with the Blumenthal Jewish Home, and hope that this year's Sabbath services will elicit the same positive responses from members of the statewide Jewish community.

Book Review

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO WHEN YOU GROW OLD?

Harris Dienstfrey and Joseph Lederer. Reviewed by Al. Mendlovitz, Executive Director.

This paperback book was referred to me by a relative who is a retired father. He indicated to me that this book is all-encompassing and was of tremendous assistance to him and his father in helping them define how to spend time in retirement, what to look for in retirement. Indeed, I was pleased to find that it gives answers to the counterquestion of "What do you want to be when you grow up?" for older persons.

The Introduction sets the tone by saying "... a time of change and new directions, a time of extended, active involvement in life, a time of beginnings." The authors have, in a thorough volume, explored many issues facing those who are growing into the last third of their lives. It is very plainly written and gives enough information to whet the appetite and stimulate interested persons to seek additional information. It is very thoroughly written, covering such titles as "Going to Work Again", "Living Together, Older Adult Style", "The Question of Money", "When Crises Strike", and even a frank discussion about death, titled "To Everything There is a Season." The final chapter wisely ends with "Resources: Whom to Call, What to Read."

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here to Write".

Needless to say, if you have a relative or are yourself wanting to be exposed to two authors who write in a very interesting and informative way, this \$2.75 Bantam book investment could be very worth your while.

What's Been Happening?



Spring has arrived! Ginger Morrison takes Edward Timmerman (Florida) for a motor tour in the golf cart.

Children from the N. C. Hebrew Academy in Charlotte helped residents and staff celebrate Purim by presenting songs and skits. We enjoyed their visit!



Members of the Clemmons 4-H sewing club presented their Spring Fashion Show of outfits made by the girls (ages 9-14) for residents the evening of April 8.

Pat Weaver, from the Mandala Center in Winston-Salem, led a workshop for residents on relaxation techniques. She made suggestions for improving sleep habits and lessening tension.



"Patty's Pub & Casino" was the scene of a special St. Patrick's Day event! Rolling the dice and placing bets are Sadye Nurick, Eleanor Kharasch & Charlie Saltzberg. Rick Rogers mans the gaming table.

Mary Nell Jackson delighted residents with a program of "Songs My Mother Taught Me" on March 15. We thank her for a beautiful hour of music!



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IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Jennie Stroup, Esther Stein and Louis Elden.
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It has become a beautiful tradition for people to express their interest in the Home by making commemorative gifts. Over the years these generous donations have greatly enriched the quality of life for the Home's Residents. The prayers and thanks of our Residents are expressed for the contributions made to the Home from March 5, 1981, to April 5, 1981.

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Editorial

What would the prophets of old think or say if they miraculously found themselves living in today's America?

One prominent religious scholar's answer to that question is contained in a feature article in *Keeping Posted*, the magazine published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, whose current issue is devoted to the prophets of the Hebrew Bible.

In "Amos on Wall Street," Rabbi Roland S. Gittelsohn applies some of the writings of Amos, Isaiah and Zechariah to such contemporary evils as economic monopoly, unethical business practices and others.

According to Rabbi Gittelsohn, a prophet who found himself in today's business world would find himself "distressingly" at home and would "scold us no less vigorously than he had his own generation, insisting that our highest ethical insights and ideals must be applied to social issues no less than to the lives of individuals."

On the issue of economic monopoly, for example, the article quotes Isaiah: "Woe to those who add house to house/And join field to field/Till there is room for none but you/To dwell in the land!" Rabbi Gittelsohn comments: "If the relatively modest concentrations of wealth by landowners in his time so activated the prophet's ire, can there be much doubt how he would feel about giant agribusiness today? Or about one

corporation which controls more than half our nation's automotive production and much of its military manufacturing, which sets the pace on pricing for an entire industry, which handles more money in a year than the combined treasuries of forty states?

"Or about OPEC and gargantuan international oil cartels which inflate their profits explosively while millions find it impossible to drive their cars and heat their homes?

"Isaiah would need no tutoring to realize how incompatible such monopolies are with economic justice for the nation's people."

As to dishonest business practices, he quotes Amos: "Listen to this, you who devour the needy, annihilating the poor of the land, saying: 'If only the new moon were over, so that we could sell grain; the sabbath, so that we could offer wheat for sale, using an ephah that is too small, and a shekel that is too big, tilting a dishonest scale, and selling grain refuse as grain! We will buy the poor for silver, the needy for a pair of sandals.'"

Here the prophet is condemning the use of false measures and weights, evading social regulations, charging exorbitant profits, selling defective goods, and taking unfair advantage of the poor, according to Rabbi Gittelsohn, who is rabbi emeritus of Temple Israel in Boston, Mass.

"Which of these abuses is absent on today's commercial scene?"

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Two Reform Rabbis of Atlanta: David Marx & Jacob M. Rothschild

Part One: David Marx

by Arnold Shankman, Prof. of History, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C.

MARX, DAVID (b. New Orleans, La. 29 Apr., 1872, d. Atlanta, Ga. 14 Feb. 1962), Clergyman.

Son of Solomon and Clara M. Marx, married Eleanor Rosenfeld, 15 Oct., 1901. Children: David, Jr. Education: B.A. (1894) University of Cincinnati; Ordination (1894) Hebrew Union College; D.D. (honoris causa) (1924) University of Georgia.

David Marx was the son of German immigrants who came to the United States in the 1850s. From his youth he hoped to become a rabbi. At first he attended public schools in New Orleans, but his parents decided he could receive a better education at a private academy. They sent him to A. S. Leche's School for Boys, and he studied privately with Rabbi James K. Gutheim. In 1886, when he graduated from Leche's School, his family moved from New Orleans to Cincinnati. Here they enrolled their son at Hughes High School. Upon graduation from this school he simultaneously matriculated at the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College. In June 1894 he was ordained by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, who is generally considered the founder of Reform Judaism in the United States.

Rabbi Marx accepted the pulpit at Temple Emanuel in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1894. About six months after he moved to Birmingham he was invited to speak in Atlanta. When the balding, moustached rabbi came to Atlanta he greatly impressed members of The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation (The Temple), the city's oldest Jewish congregation. Con-

gregants of The Temple had been favoring Reform practices and wanted an American-born rabbi for their spiritual leader. In March 1895 by a narrow margin the congregation voted to ask Marx to fill the post. In September 1895 he became rabbi of The Temple.

Devoted to the tenets of Reform Judaism, Rabbi Marx had his congregation eliminate the bar mitzvah service, adopt the Union Prayer Book, raise the age for confirmation of children, and abandon the practice of wearing skullcaps during religious services. Marx himself refused to wear rabbinical garb. Under his direction The Temple relocated in 1904 from Forsyth and Garnett to Richardson and Pryor Streets, and in 1931 The Temple moved to its current location on Peachtree.

A popular speaker, Marx was the first Atlanta rabbi regularly to give guest sermons in Protestant churches, including black churches. In 1907 he became a columnist for the Sunday edition of the Atlanta *Journal*. Marx, who did not shun controversy, protested against the teaching of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* in the public schools, because he thought the play promoted anti-Semitism.

David Marx was extremely active in the Atlanta Jewish community. He is credited with organizing a chapter of the Council of Jewish Women at the Temple. In 1897 he led the drive for the establishment of the Atlanta Hebrew Orphans' Home. Six years later he helped mobilize the efforts to create the Schoen Free Kindergarten. He was a founder

and longtime officer of the Federation of Jewish Charities, and in 1910 he spearheaded the fundraising campaign for the Jewish Educational Alliance. He served as Jewish chaplain at the Atlanta federal penitentiary and as rabbi for a Jewish congregation he organized at West Point, Georgia. He also served as clergyman for Leo Frank, a member of The Temple who was accused of the murder of Mary Phagan and who was lynched at Marietta, Georgia in 1915.

An important leader of American Judaism, Rabbi Marx was elected vice president of the Southern Rabbinical Association, president of the Southeastern Jewish Religious School Union, and of the Alumni Association of Hebrew Union College, and treasurer of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He was also trustee of the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, Colorado.

As early as 1900 Marx expressed hostility to Zionism. Even after the Holocaust he remained foe of the Zionist movement and forbade the singing in his presence of "Hatikvah," the Israeli national anthem. He was named honorary vice president of the American Council for Judaism, the leading Jewish organization opposed to Zionism. Marx's unyielding hostility to Zionism made him unpopular in some circles of Atlanta Jewry and alienated some of his own congregants.

In his initial sermon at The Temple in 1895 he pledged to support whatever benefitted human welfare. He quickly became recognized as the most influential

Jewish clergyman in Atlanta and greatly involved himself in the city's civic life. He served on the board of trustees or executive board of the Atlanta Chapter of the Red Cross, the Atlanta Tuberculosis Association, the Community Chest, the Atlanta Arts Association, the Atlanta Boys' Club, and the Georgia Child Welfare Society. In 1905 he was appointed Georgia's representative to the Conference on Immigration and Quarantine. After the 1906 Atlanta riot he was the only Jew named to the Civic League, which investigated the incident and tried to prevent any recurrence of racial violence. Marx joined the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and its successor, the Southern Regional Council. He was instrumental in founding the Unity Club, which promoted interfaith understanding and better race relations. After the great fire of 1917 the mayor of Atlanta designated him to supervise civilian relief efforts. During World War I he was a leading fundraiser for the Liberty Loan Campaign; he also raised money for the Joint Distribution Committee to assist needy Jews displaced by the conflict.

Rabbi Marx was an avid Mason. In 1899 he became Grand Master of Fulton Lodge #216. In 1911 he was elevated to the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite. He supported the campaign to build the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Atlanta and served on the hospital's executive board. It is believed that he was the first Jew admitted to the Atlanta Rotary Club. Rabbi Marx was widely honored and respected for his achievements. He received an honorary degree from the University of Georgia, and the Boys' Club awarded him the Bronze Keystone Award for Outstanding Service. In 1947 the National Conference of Christians and Jews awarded him recognition for promoting "inter-racial good will."

In 1946 Jacob Rothschild be-

came rabbi of The Temple, but for several years David Marx in emeritus status continued to conduct services when Rothschild was out of town. Rabbi Marx died in 1962, nine years after his wife, and was buried in Crestlawn Cemetery. He was eulogized as Atlanta's premier Jewish citizen and as a champion of brotherhood and progress. To most Atlantans David Marx personified the Jewish community. His participation in a great variety of civic activities, however, made him not only a Jewish spokesman but also one of the leaders who helped transform Atlanta into the center of the South.

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by Stephen W. Sutker

Wildacres, Blumenthal Jewish Home, North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, Circuit Riding Rabbi, American Jewish Times-Outlook. Those are all names we recognize and they all have something in common—the idelible stamp of the most extraordinary man I have known in my lifetime—I. D. Blumenthal.

When I was growing up in Charlotte in the forties, he was already a giant of a man. I was aware there was something special about him, but I was too young to fully comprehend how remarkable he was. I recall that in 1949, he invited a group of young men and women from around the State to participate in a several days' retreat sponsored by the Civitan Club. He brought Catholic, Protestant and Jewish youth together to discuss our similarities and differences. I did not realize as a teenager, nor did I fully appreciate how divinely inspired was the "idea" that is the essence of Wildacres.

In 1954, he conceived the idea of a Circuit Riding Rabbi to travel to the small communities in North Carolina to serve the Jewish families where a full time Rabbi was not possible. Jewish families in the communities where the two Circuit Riding Rabbis travel today will tell you how much that "idea" has meant to them.

Several years later, he was serving as President of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, and his beloved wife, Madolyn was serving as President of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women. That year, the joint Annual Convention was in

Winston-Salem. Ben Clein told him about a beautiful mansion and over 100 acres for sale near Winston-Salem in the Tanglewood area. The entire convention group rode out to look over the property. On the chimney of the magnificent Lasater mansion was a six pointed Jewish star. He felt that God was telling the Jewish Men and Women to buy that estate for the Jewish elderly. It was subsequently purchased for \$135,000 and is now the Blumenthal Jewish Home. That "idea" has become the finest facility of its kind in this part of the United States. It currently has over 120 residents in its skilled nursing, intermediate, and domiciliary care units.

A commercial magazine was published for many years by Chester Brown of Greensboro. It became available and "I. D." had an "idea"—to use it, not for personal profit, but to communicate news and information to the North Carolina Jewish community. He would be very proud to see today's American Jewish Times-Outlook. It is looked forward to each month by subscribers in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia and has become a keepsake because of the articles about outstanding citizens in this region. The Times-Outlook is another of his "ideas" to bear fruit.

He was a man with ideas and a dreamer who dreamed big dreams. With infectious enthusiasm and inexhaustible optimism, he breathed life into each of his dreams and made them come true.

Those of us who had the good fortune to have known him personally are better human beings because of the experience.

Countless people who never met him and many who may not even know his name continue to benefit from his "ideas".

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Kibbitzing-Community News

TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS, CHARLOTTE

by Estelle Hoffman

The community Pressman Passover Second Seder held annually was Sunday evening, April 19, at Temple Israel. Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin conducted the Seder Service with guests participating.

Sisterhood Bondarama winners for March were Marvin Barman, Barbara Levin, Sandra Levine, and Becky Shulimson. There is still time to buy a ticket for a chance to win any of several bonds in varied denominations.

Sisterhood officers for the coming year were installed at the Luncheon Meeting of Sisterhood at Temple Israel on May 13. They are as follows: President, Debbie Hirsch; Vice Presidents, Susan Greenman, Lois Benjamin, Paula Klein; Recording Secretary, Ann Frohman; Corresponding Secretary, Eleanor Weinglass; Financial Secretary, Tobey Silver; Treasurer, Arlene Karp. Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin spoke at the meeting on the subject, "The Hagadah and Jewish Mysticism."

New officers of Temple Israel Men's Club for the year 1981-82 are to be: President, Lloyd Scher; Vice Presidents, Sandy Benjamin and Murray Bodner; Treasurer, George Schneider; Secretary, Bob Cuminal.

At the date of writing this report, the Nominating Committee of Temple Israel has selected the following officers: President, Marvin Barman; 1st Vice President, Jerome Levin; 2nd Vice President, William Ashendorf; Secretary, Judi Strause; Treasurer, Ira H. Schulman; Assistant Treasurer, Charles Meltsner.

Temple Israel Couples Club enjoyed a Mystery Bus Ride on Sunday, May 17. It was a day packed with fun, including a delicious

lunch.

The Adult Jewish Education committee presented Rabbi Rocklin as its speaker on Sunday evening, May 17, in the I. D. Blumenthal Social Hall of Temple Israel. His topic, "From the Beginning of Zionism Until the Creation of the State of Israel," traced the development of Zionism through the life of Theodore Herzl, through the two World Wars, until the establishment of the State of Israel.

A dramatic production is being planned for early December. Overall producer is Richard Klein. Barbara Guller, who is well qualified and experienced in theatrical production, both in directing and acting, has consented to direct a play. People interested in working in this project as actor or other theatrical worker are to call Richard Klein at 364-7757, or give your name to the Temple office, 376-7757.

TEMPLE BETH EL CHARLOTTE, N. C.

The last couple of months seemed to be a delight in eating: Sabbath family dinners, the impressive Seder Service, and a progressive "Elegant Evening of Dining". Then there were the Bar Mitzvahs of Jeffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Schlosberg, and David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stein, and the Bat Mitzvah of Darcy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bienstock.

But what a month, when we can report two rare super-events: Jonas, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Rolett, receiving a Morehead Scholarship; and Bob Conn, one of the reporters on the series on brown lung disease which won the Pulitzer Gold Medal for the *Charlotte Observer*.

Another year, another group of worthy Confirmands, with a lovely ceremony coordinated by Judy Sutker. The 1981 Confirmation class includes Marc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Edlein; Hank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenberg; Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Greenberg; Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hennes; Julie and Laurel, daughters of Mrs. Jill Isaacson; Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Liss; Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klein; Amy Marks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Goldman; Michael, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Newman; Nina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Radloff; Jess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rothkopf; Benjamin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sutker; and Emily, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Yudell

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM CHARLOTTE, N. C.

by Honey Kridel

March 7, 1981—the second wedding in our Temple. Dee Fletcher and Phillip Kridel were united in marriage by Rabbi Robert Seigel. Phillip is the son of Honey and Arnold Kridel and the grandson of Jeanne Levy. Dee is the daughter of Helen and Bill Royer. The champagne reception after the 7:30 p.m. service was enjoyed by many friends and relatives of both families. Phillip's maternal Uncle and Aunt attended from San Francisco. Dee's daughter Michelle attended her Mother as Maid of Honor and Dee's Father attended his daughter as Man of Honor. Phillip's brother Jay was Best Man. Phillip, Dee and Michelle have joined the Temple as a family.

Also joining our Congregation

this past month were Alice and John Cox and their son, and Jeffrey and Sherry Cohen of Atlanta, Ga. We welcome Ya'all. This brings our membership to 52 families.

Our Sedar on April 18, 1981, was well attended by 60 members and guests of our congregation, and also catered by our Congregation. We welcomed our Rabbi, his wife Faye, his parents, her mother and their two daughters.

Another first for our Temple, the Bar and Bas Mitzvah of Francie and Robbie Mitchell took place on Friday evening, May 8, 1981. Francie and Robbie are the children of Mrs. Sheila Mitchell of our Temple.

New officers of our Temple will be installed at 6:00 p.m. on June 6, 1981. We wish them every success in the new year.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

by Henrietta Wallace

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah met Tuesday, May the 13th, at Valentino's Restaurant. Mrs. Sandra (Leon) Levine presided over this 11:30 a.m. event. Installation of the following officers for 1981-82 highlighted the luncheon meeting:

President, Jill (Mrs. Edwin) Newman

President-Elect, Ellen (Mrs. Stuart) Fligel

Vice-President of Fund-Raising, Alene (Mrs. Sam) Strause

Vice-President of Education, Shila (Mrs. David) Elden

Vice-President of Membership, Anita (Mrs. Marvin) Shapiro

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Corresponding Secretary, Lois (Mrs. Sanford) Benjamin

Financial Secretary, Mrs. Susan Klein

Treasurer, Judy (Mrs. Mark) Perlin

Installing Officer—Judi (Mrs. Leonard) Strause

Maxine (Mrs. Gary) Silverstein was General Chairman of luncheon arrangements.

MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY SCOTT MARDER OF ASHEVILLE AND GASTONIA

Jean Debra Riesenbergs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Riesenbergs of 5 Marlborough Road, Asheville, N. C., and Anthony Scott Marder, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gerard Marder of 608 Bridle Path Trail, Gastonia, N. C., were united in marriage at Temple Beth-Hatephilia in Asheville on April 5th, 1981, at 3:00 in the afternoon.



Mrs. Anthony Scott Marder

Rabbi Paul Kaplan officiated and Mr. Randy Rosenberg was the cantor.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose Theresa Riesenbergs as her honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Patricia Henney of Charlotte, Florence Wiener of New York City and Vicki Marder of Greenville, N. C.

Dr. Marder was his son's best man. Ushers were Fred Wiener of Goleta, Calif., James Gordon Stuart of Anderson, S. C., Michael Braswell of Raleigh, Eric Feldman of Atlanta, Ga., and Jeffrey Marder

of Gastonia.

Mrs. Marder is a graduate of Asheville High School and a 199 graduate of UNC-CH with a B. degree in History. She is also a graduate of the National Center for Paralegal Training of Atlanta, Georgia. She is currently employed by attorney Jeffrey Gul of Gastonia.

Mr. Marder is an honor graduate of Ashbrook High School and is a 1978 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a B.A. degree in History. He is a member of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity where he served as scribe, steward and chancellor. He is manager of Slug's Choice Restaurant, Southpark, Charlotte, N. C.

The bride's parents entertained at a reception for 400 people at the Grove Park Inn immediately following the ceremony. "The Special Edition" of Charlotte provided the music.

It is of some interest to note that the parents of the groom, Jerry and Nonie Marder, were married in this same Temple 31 years ago, as were the parents of the bride, Buddy and Mary Riesenbergs, over 25 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Marder will live at 2227 Greenway Avenue, Charlotte when they return from the honeymoon to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Raff-Corwin Marriage

Miss Lois Raff, daughter of Mr. Billie Raff and the late Bertram Raff of Charlotte, was married on May 31st to Dr. David Corwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Corwin of Plainfield, N. J. Rabbi Bruce Corwin officiated.

The bride graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and taught at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. Before moving to New York City twelve years ago, Lois Raff Corwin earned three

graduate degrees in drama, psychology, and social science. Dr. David Corwin graduated from Columbia University and received his medical degree from the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. He is a Psychiatrist at Bellevue Hospital in New York City and a coordinator of Community Support Services there.

The couple is spending three weeks in Israel and Egypt, and will visit an aunt of the groom in Israel. After their honeymoon, they will reside in New York City, where the new Mrs. Corwin will assume a position as supervising social worker for Girls' Town.

BENJY SUTKER ELECTED TO N.C. AZA

Benjy Sutker, son of Judy and Steve Sutker has been elected Maskir (Secretary) of North Carolina AZA at the Convention of the North Carolina B'nai B'rith Youth Organization held in Greensboro May 1. Benjy is a sophomore at Charlotte Country Day School and has also been elected Vice President of the Student Council of the 1981/82 school year. He is consistently on the Headmaster's List, was recently inducted into the Latin Club, selected a member of the Science Department Research Team, received his letter as a sophomore on the Varsity Football Team, is a member of the Varsity Track Team and sings in the Country Day Mixed Ensemble.

He is in the Confirmation Class at Temple Beth El and will participate in Confirmation Exercises in June.

GREENSBORO B'NAI SHALOM SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL

by Ronnie Kutchei

An update on the "Jump for Heart": a total of 33 jumping, excited students raised a total of \$935 for the heart fund. The winning team who brought in the most money by jumping the longest was team #2, headed by Lyn Labell.

Another award for our school went to Scott Strasser and Michelle Bardy for their outstanding participation in the National Jewish Braille Society Read-a-Thon. Scott and Michelle both earned special shirts and Michelle, who is a first grade student, was awarded \$100 U.S. bond for her outstanding effort. Yishar Koach to all our students for their involvement in humane causes throughout the year.

Our 3rd and 4th graders and our 5th and 6th graders attended special concerts for young people, provided by the Greensboro Symphony and the North Carolina Symphony, respectively. The Greensboro Symphony concert was especially meaningful to the children as they focused their attention and pride on Mr. Lyn Labell, our math teacher, who is also a violinist with the Symphony.

A new student council was elected to finish out this year—President: Deborah Shaffir, Vice President: Scott Kabat, Secretary/Treasurer: Rochelle Feig; class representatives: 1st — Stephanie

Goldstein, 2nd—Mitzi Moss, 3rd—Allison Cook, 4th—Jeremy Bagish, 5th—Susan Hyman, 6th—Jamey Culbertson. The student council is busy planning special activities for the end of the year.

Wednesday, April 8th, cooperated weather-wise with this very special day. Yom Hachamah, the day of the Sun, comes once in twenty-eight years in the Jewish calendar. The entire school participated in a very special and meaningful thanksgiving service led by Rabbi S. Moch of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. All of us were deeply moved as we stood outside, among the beautiful budding trees, seeing and feeling the warmth of the sun.

The model Seder was an exciting experience for 115 persons, children and their families. Everyone participated and enjoyed the camaraderie. Our kindergartners were especially excited as their teacher found the afikoman, thereby earning a prize for each of them.

On May 1 our 6th graders—Joel Adelman, Jamey Culbertson, Andrew Mackler, Debbie Milgrim and Simone Obadiah, outdid themselves as they conducted a solemn and dignified Holocaust service. The service followed a week's discussion of the meanings and varieties of "freedom" and was culminated with a write-in session to Soviet prisoners of conscience. The response of the children was very gratifying.

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On Sunday, May 10th, B'nai Shalom Day School students joined with Beth David Synagogue and Temple Emanuel religious school in a celebration of Israel's Independence Day. We participated in a variety of activities, such as singing, dancing, arts and crafts, film and a visit to a genuine "Shuk". A falafel lunch was enjoyed by the students and their families, a dance program by the Greensboro Dancers of UNC-G and songs by our very own B'nai Shalom Choir.

Our annual achievement testing took place the week of May 11th. We are sure that as usual our students will average 3 years above the national norms. To end the week of special space program with an actual rocket launch conducted by the space lab of N. C. A&T State University.

Our Lag Baomer celebration was exciting this year as we joined our sister school, the Hebrew Academy in Charlotte, for a picnic and activities day. We left Charlotte full of song and joy and the preliminary plans for next year.

It is hard to believe that the year draws to an end. Our sixth graders will be graduating at a program planned by them, which will take place on Thursday evening, June 11th, at Beth David Synagogue's Kagan building. June the 12th, the last day of school, will be dedicated to our sixth grade as the entire school wishes them well with special activities and a talent show.

As all of us go our various ways this summer, we wish all our readers a happy and joyful summer and invite you to join us again in September. Shalom and Toda Rabbah for your much appreciated support for Jewish Education in North Carolina.

TEMPLE BETH OR, RALEIGH, N.C.

by Helen Haft Goldstein

Temple Beth Or was one of five Raleigh places of worship selected as outstanding examples of architecture by the Committee on Art and Religion of the Governor's Cultural Advisory Council, of the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources.

The public was invited to tour Temple Beth Or on Sunday, May 3, as part of ARTSPLOSURE 1981, the annual Raleigh Arts Festival. Temple Beth Or was designed by Raleigh architect Michael Landau and was built in 1978. The Shalom Aleichem gates to the Temple were designed by Raleigh sculptor Sam Cashwan.

In conjunction with this effort to help the public appreciate the rich artistic and architectural heritage of Raleigh, an afternoon of music was also scheduled at the Temple. Included on the program were selections by Raleigh vocalist Jackie Schlesinger.

CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Charlotte Community Project, the joint venture of Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, The Jewish Community Center, The Hebrew Academy, and the Charlotte Federation of Jewish Charities, is moving ahead. The foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community, the umbrella for the project, has been meeting monthly to plan steps towards a major community fund drive and to set the legal and organizational base for the project.

The Foundation's Building Committee, which includes representatives from each organization, has been meeting several times a month with the architects to consider requests from the several organizations concerned, and to arrive at a composite program. The process

is progressing rapidly.

Meantime, surveyors are on the site determining the precise layout of the land, which is on the left hand side of Providence Road going out of town, just before Lansdowne. The efforts of countless volunteers and professionals are moving us closer to realizing the dream we all share.

Officers of the Foundation are Herman Blumenthal, President; Leon Levine, Vice President; Alvin E. Levine, Vice President; Harry Lerner, Secretary, and Morris Speizman, Treasurer.

THE NORTH CAROLINA HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE, INC.

Sunday, May 3rd, was a day filled with honor. In the afternoon Raphael Panetz, the Hebrew Academy Director, and several Academy parents attended a ceremony of remembrance at Holocaust Square in Charlotte. It was Holocaust Day, Yom HaShua.

That evening seven Charlotte women were honored at the Hebrew Academy's Annual Patron Dinner at Temple Israel in the I. D. Blumenthal Hall. About 115 people joined together to pay tribute to these women: Wilma Asrael, Martha Brenner, Beryl Fishman, Ruth Goldberg, Maxine Levine, Rita Mond and Sally Schrader for their numerous hours of dedication to the school in the



Zvi Hurwitz at the Hebrew Academy

past 11 years. They were each presented with a token gift of

preciation.

Another highlight of the evening was a speech presented by Mr. Zvi Harry Hurwitz, Minister of Information in Prime Minister Begin's Cabinet. His words brought honor to the Hebrew Academy when he pointed out that, "Such school is where the heritage of our fathers will be passed on to the children of their sons and daughters. You are doing one of



Zvi Hurwitz speaking at the Hebrew Academy Dinner

the oldest Jewish tasks through the school."

In speaking of Yom HaShua, Mr. Hurwitz reminded the audience of a quote from Elie Wiesel, 'The more we know of what happened, the less we can understand it,' and then went on to say, "Your nation is living through a moment of great anguish in a city not far from here; Atlanta. Twenty-five children have been killed. How many 25's are there in 1.5 million, (the amount of children lost in the Holocaust)? When you feel the national anguish of 25, you can begin to understand the anguish of the Jews for the loss of 1.5 million."

In referring to the fact that Yom HaShua and Israel's Independence Day are only one week apart, (May 10th), he said, "I believe the proximity of Yom HaShua and the celebration coming for Israel's 33rd year of independence is an act of Providence." He explained that it is with these two so very different kinds of events taking place within

a week of each other that we can understand that, "Before there was life there was death, before there was hope there was despair. When we know what a terrible price we paid for the freedom in our own lifetime, then we will know how to cherish and protect and fight for it, secure it, worry about Eretz Israel, and not allow anything to happen that might disturb it."

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the Academy would like to extend its gratitude to Peggy Gartner who supervised the preparation of the entire meal.

Also at the dinner were several colleagues of Dr. Stephen Fishman, President of the Hebrew Academy, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. They, as in the past three years, volunteered to be waiters and waitresses for all who attended. As the guest speaker Mr. Hurwitz said, "We are deeply grateful for the fellowship they have displayed."



Hebrew Academy Awards Dinner Presentation. L to R: Martha Brenner, Beryl Fishman, Steve Fishman-President, Rita Mond, Sally Schrader, Ruth Goldberg, Wilma Asrael.

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If you cut off your head, don't cry for your hair. (Translation from Russian)

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Wildacres Report

SENIOR CITIZENS AT WILDACRES

Senior Scholars of Charlotte convened at Wildacres May 4th to May 7th. Almost 100 members enjoyed lectures and concert by Betty Smith, renowned specialist in Appalachian folk music. She played traditional instruments of the mountains and sang ballads and lyrics, with explanation of the origin and history of the music.

Dr. Evelyn Underwood of Mars Hill College returned to this year's Wildacres Retreat by popular request of Senior Scholars. Her subject was "Legacy of the Civil War." Having done extensive research through study and interviews of the area's populace, she brings great understanding to her listeners.

Social hours were hosted by Nettie and Ralph Smith of Charlotte, assisted by Elizabeth and Naomi Johnson of Belmont. Community singing was conducted by Elmer and Evelyn Doerr and Charles and Peggy Held. A Renaissance Evening included a playlet by Robert Goldsmith and Leo and Estelle Hoffman, and Renaissance music on flute, recorder, and piccolo by Floyd and Dot Schultz. General Chairman was Leo Hoffman, President of Senior Scholars, a group enthusiastic in appreciation of the facilities of Wildacres.

HICKORY HUMANITIES AT WILDACRES

An intellectual extravaganza was held at Wildacres May 7th to 10th, sponsored by Lenoir-Rhyne College of Hickory, entitled the Hickory Humanities Forum, assisted by grants from the North Carolina Humanities Committee and private corporations. The forum was modeled on the national Great Books Foundation's program, and used the Declaration of Independence and Socrates's "Apology" as its subjects of discussion.

The agenda was coordinated by Sydney Harris, whose syndicated column appears in the Charlotte Observer. Other prominent writers and thinkers who led the four groups, into which more than 100 participants divided, were author and critic Clifton Fadiman, Prof. Jacques Barzun of Columbia University, Milton Mayer of the Center for Study of Democratic Institutions, and editor-scholar John Van Doren, and members of Lenoir-Rhyne's faculty, headed by Dr. Albert Anderson, President. The entire group was addressed by Sydney Harris on its opening night, and by Dr. Jacques Barzun on the subject of liberal arts in education.

Stimulated by awareness that Great Books apply to all times, the group was motivated to organize regular Great Books Courses in their home towns.

On Saturday night, the Rowe String Quartet gave a concert of music by Mozart and Schubert, to the great delight of the assembly.

YIDDISH INSTITUTE AT WILDACRES

Wildacres opened its 198 season on April 29th with the Third Annual Yiddish Institute. Ninety participants attended the sessions convening from the Southeast and a few distant points. Guest lecturers were Dr. Joseph Landis, Chayelee Ash and Ari Fuhrman.

Dr. Landis is Chairman of the Jewish Studies Program at Queen's College, and has published both English and Yiddish articles on literature and Jewish culture. He has also translated Yiddish prose and poetry into English and he edits "Yiddish," a quarterly devoted to Yiddish language and literature, and is co-editor of the "Modern Jewish Studies Annual." The topic of his first lecture was "Yiddish Dreams, Yankee Facts," which traced the dreams of immigrants in their native land and described their experience after their arrival in America. The transition from rural life in Europe to industrial society in the United States, with its hardships and deprivations was depicted by Dr. Landis in polished Yiddish which was not difficult to understand. Dr. Landis explained the different kinds of Jewish immigrants who came to America and the ironic contrast between those who came with the intention of living here in freedom a totally Jewish life and those who adopted the concept of the American "Melting Pot."

Chayelee Ash delivered one talk on the Yiddish Theater, in which she has long been a professional actress and another, "Sholom Aleichem's Influence on the Yiddish Theatre." She organized the first Yiddish Theatre in Israel and served as its Director for eight

ears. She continues to tour and resides now in Philadelphia with her husband Ari Fuhrman, who delighted members of the Yiddish Institute with his talents. He is a skilled musician and actor. He writes and arranges music for productions in which he and Chayele Ash appear. They are versatile performers, and he also trained a group of participants to render a vocal performance enjoyed by all.

Friday night religious services were conducted by John Pransky. Saturday morning Services were conducted by Leo Hoffman and George Ackerman. A choir trained by Cantor Ackerman enhanced the services, and the congregation used a prayer book especially compiled by Leo Hoffman and George Ackerman for continued use at Wildacres.

Workshops were conducted by George Ackerman, Marvin Bienstock, Leo Hoffman, Abraham Holtzman, and Abraham Luski. Bobbie Pollard served on the committee as Reservations chairman.

Rose Luski, Sarah Ackerman, and Adele Morris operated a bookshop, and an afghan knitted and donated by Mamie Schaffer was raffled. Mae and Julius Goldman were in charge of foods

purchased in Charlotte and of serving at evening socials.

Sherry Greenspan of Atlanta accompanied the performing artists of Saturday night's program, as well as community singing. Additional music enlivened the atmosphere, played by Gerard Rohde at the piano and accordion, Jack Yellis of Greenville at the piano, and Marvin Bienstock with his guitar.

During Sabbath services a memorial tribute was paid to I. D. Blumenthal, whose encouragement and assistance were vital in the creation of the Yiddish Institute of Wildacres.

A presentation of the handsomely framed original drawing by Abraham Luski, which adorned the cover of this year's program of the Institute, was made to Baila Pransky for her inspirational concept which developed into the annual Yiddish Institute at Wildacres and for her continued devotion and efforts in coordination of the sessions.

The spirit of the Institute may be stated by quoting our great poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, "Yiddish preserved everything, even the Yiddish language. I shall talk Yiddish!"

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N.C. Association of Jewish Women

OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR INCOMING PRESIDENT

Our 1981 Annual Convention was a huge success due to the untiring effort of our outgoing President Doris Dworsky and the many women, too many to name here individually, who so diligently worked with her on the demanding tasks that together make for a successful affair. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you! Each of the about 170 men and women attending the convention will attest to the fact that the luncheon was delicious, the Human Services Award ceremonies impressive, and the entertainment both interesting and amusing.

Even our business meeting drew a sizeable crowd but, unfortunately, there was not enough time left for a free exchange of opinion on the many matters requiring the attention of the membership. We will therefore, from time to time, use this open letter format as a vehicle for discussion of ideas and also to keep you posted on the deliberations and actions of your newly elected board. We will do so in the hope that you will bring your concerns to our attention. Your letters will be promptly acknowledged and your ideas and opinions presented to the board for consideration.

This first open letter is concerned with membership. The reasons for beginning with this issue are simple: The more members we have and the more representative we are of all Jewish women in the State, the stronger and the more confident can be our voice in matters affecting the Jewish as well as the larger community. Not less important is the fact that the more members we have, the greater our financial ability to support the many

projects of longstanding interest to the Association as well as innovative undertakings that may be of equal importance to the local Jewish communities. One example of the latter is the Family Service demonstration project which received your endorsement at the convention.

While we were able to increase membership substantially during the last year, our potential is far greater than the current 649 members. We seem to be reaching only about 10% of the 6000 Jewish women who are estimated to reside in our State. What then can we do to further increase our membership?

There can be little doubt that the person-to-person approach is more effective than any other. If we could motivate you to enlist only **one** unaffiliated friend during the coming year, our membership would double! **We are urging you to do so**—speak out for us with pride whenever you have an opportunity! Tell your friends and acquaintances how much is being done by pooling the dues of the members (\$10 per year; \$7.50 for Senior citizens over 65), and how much more could be done, had we more members. Let us know whether you could use any supporting materials for your recruiting efforts, such as leaflets describing our projects. We stand ready to prepare anything you require—just let us know.

While we stand ready to assist our members in their recruiting efforts and in any other way we can, we feel handicapped by the fact that our structure does not provide for a formal link to the communities in which our members reside. Much could be gained if, for example, this open letter to all members could be followed by a direct communica-

tion to **one** representative of the Association in each community. We would like to start a network of community representatives that would provide the missing link from the local membership to your executive board. Since we do not have a vehicle for electing such representatives at the present time, we are calling on you to volunteer for this task. We promise that you will not be overwhelmed with work! If you are interested to serve in this role or know of someone who might serve, please write to us at the address shown below.

Thank you for your attention—more at a later date!

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The Nathan Asch Papers

NATHAN ASCH PAPERS AT WINTHROP COLLEGE

ROCK HILL—Papers and other historical material belonging to a confidant of Ernest Hemingway have been donated to Winthrop College.

The papers of author Nathan Asch, whose work was popular in Germany before Adolf Hitler rose to power, have been donated to the college by his widow, Carol Williams of Mill Valley, Calif.

Asch, son of prominent Yiddish author Sholem Asch, never regained the notoriety he had earned in Europe before Hitler banned all literature written by Jews.

The donation to Winthrop consists of 23 boxes of manuscripts, photographs and correspondence. In all there are about 12,000 items in the collection.

Asch's widow made the donation to Winthrop after she was visited by a Winthrop faculty member doing research on her once-famous husband.

Eva Mills, an assistant professor of English, was asked to write a biographical sketch for the fourth volume of a dictionary called "American Writers in Paris, 1920-1940."

As Mills explains, "I was sent a list of authors from which to choose, and I picked Asch even though I had never heard of him before."

Mills' research was done in 1979, 15 years after the author's death in 1964. Her research took her to the Mill Valley, Calif., home of Asch's widow where she found stored in the attic a wealth of information about the author.

She found photographs of Asch

and his family, drafts of his manuscripts and information about his various jobs, including his work as a writer for the Works Progress Administration under Franklin D. Roosevelt and as a Hollywood movie script writer.

She also found numerous letters to Asch from better-known individuals like Ernest Hemingway, poet Hart Crane and literary critic Malcolm Cowley.

Hemingway apparently had respect for Asch's opinion because a Paris Review magazine article claims it was Asch who first critiqued Hemingway's manuscript of "The Sun Also Rises."

The magazine story was an interview with Hemingway who related Asch's comment about the book: "Hem, what do you mean saying you wrote a novel? Hem, you are writing a travel book."

"I was not to be discouraged by Nathan," Hemingway said in the interview. "But I rewrote the book."

Although Asch's professional opinion was respected by more successful authors, Mills said she thinks Asch was aware of the flaws in his own writing.

He once wrote in a letter to a friend, "I sing of the failures of the world . . . those that wanted to be but never became. The Hemingways and Faulkners do not need my song because the glory of the world is theirs . . . I sing of girls with thick ankles who want to be ballet dancers, potentially great singers who had a permanent frog in their throat."

Mills said she thinks Asch "felt himself to be very much in that category."

Asch authored five books, all published between 1925 and 1937. They are "The Office," "Love in Chartres," "Pay Day," "The Valley"

and "The Road: In Search of America." The books, translated into several languages, sold well in Germany until, as part of Hitler's anti-Jewish campaign, they were burned or banned from sale.

When Mills first visited Asch's widow in her home near San Francisco, the donation to Winthrop was mentioned. Then this fall, Mills returned and helped the widow pack and mail all 23 boxes of the collection.

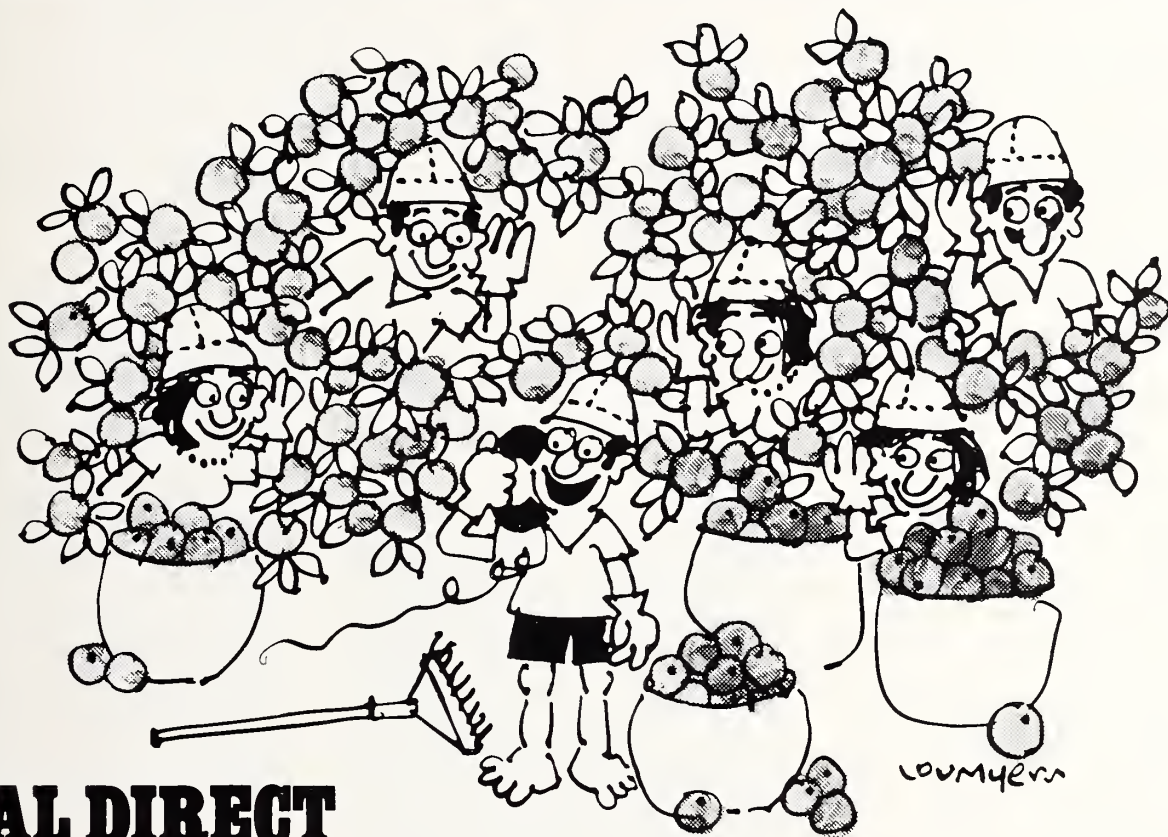
"What makes the Nathan Asch papers so important to us and other researchers goes beyond Asch's connection with major literary figures of his time," Mills said.

"In the last few years there has been a movement to produce the kind of biographies that tell us something about the minor authors of a given period.

"We're beginning to feel that if we're looking at a period in literary history, we have to look at not only its successes—its greats—but also at the less-than-famous. It gives us a more complete picture of the era. It increases our knowledge of and appreciation for writers who are sometimes just as good but who were never 'discovered'," she said.

The Asch papers are being sorted and catalogued, and they will be available for use by historians and researchers in the near future, according to Winthrop Archivist Ron Chepesiuk.

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B'nai B'rith Institutes

B'NAI B'RITH DISTRICT 5 INSTITUTE OF JUDAISM

Dr. Ellis Rivkin, Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Religion at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, and Dr. Ronald Brauner, Dean and Director of the Rabbinic Civilization program at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, will provide the professional leadership for the third annual Institute of Judaism, sponsored by District Five of B'nai B'rith, to be held at Wildacres, Little Switzerland, North Carolina, from Thursday, August 20 to Sunday, August 23. Dr. Irwin Blank, Director of the Department of Adult Jewish Education for B'nai B'rith, will serve as discussant for the Institute and direct the religious services, held in connection with the Institute.

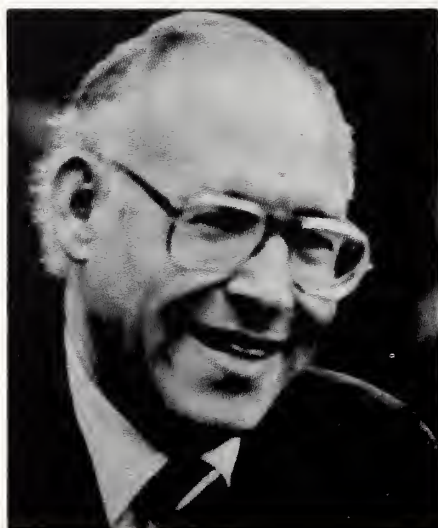
The Institute, as a medium of Adult Jewish Education, was re-instituted as a project of B'nai B'rith's District Five in 1979 at Wildacres. A new feature of this year's Institute is the fact that it is being combined with a meeting of the Commission on Adult Jewish Education of B'nai B'rith International, with commission members from all over the country in attendance. Abe Kaplan, of Birmingham, is the newly-elected chairman of the Adult Jewish Education Commission.

The theme for this year's Institute is "Jewish Existence: Myths, Facts and Options for the Future."

In his part of the program, Dr. Rivkin will discuss "Israel and the Middle East; Myths and Realities"; "A New Look at the Pharisees"; and "Light and Shadow: Sojourners in the Christian and Muslim World." Dr. Brauner will speak on these topics: "The Myth of Judeo-

Christian Tradition"; "Medical Ethics and the Jewish Tradition"; and "Rediscovering Ourselves Through our Tradition."

All lectures will be followed by discussion. A new feature this year will be a "wrap-up" panel discussion, in which faculty members will participate. A book shop will be open during the Institute for the sale of books of Jewish interest.



ELLIS RIVKIN

Ellis Rivkin is Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. Dr. Rivkin was born in Baltimore, Maryland and educated at Johns Hopkins University and Baltimore Hebrew College.

He taught at Gratz College, Dropsie College, and was a Cyrus Adler post-Doctoral Research Fellow before coming to HUC-JIR in 1949. In 1965 Dr. Rivkin was appointed Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History.

Dr. Rivkin served as Visiting Professor at Antioch College in 1963, Dropsie University in 1971,

the University of Utah in 1973, and at Southern Methodist University in 1977. He was a Simon Guggenheim Fellow in Europe in 1962. He received an American Philosophical Society grant in 1965, as well as an American Council of Learned Societies grant to read a paper entitled "Marrano—Jewish Entrepreneurship and the Ottoman Mercantilist Probe in the 16th Century" at the Third International Congress of Economic Historians in Munich in 1965. He was the Joseph Rosenblatt Lecturer in Judaica at the University of Utah in 1967.

Dr. Rivkin is the author of numerous books and articles. His books include *The Dynamics of Jewish History*, Sarasota, Florida, 1970; *The Shaping of Jewish History: A Radical New Interpretation*, Scribner's, New York, 1971; and *Hidden Revolution: The Pharisee Search for the Kingdom Within*, Abingdon, Nashville, 1978. Dr. Rivkin's *What Crucified Jesus* is to be published by Abingdon Press in the near future. He is now at work on a book on Paul to be entitled *As to the Law a Pharisee: Paul's Roots in Judaism*.

Among his articles are "The History of the Jews" and "Josephus in *New International Encyclopedia*." His articles entitled "Uriel da Costa" and "Samuel Ha Nagid" have been included in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

A frequent reviewer of books and articles, his reviews have been published in *Historia Judaica*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *American Jewish Archives*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Commentary*, *Studies in Bibliography and Booklore*, *New York Herald Tribune*, *American Historical Review*, *Sat*

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He is a member of several honorary and professional associations, including the Publication Committee of the Jewish Publication Society, American Historical Society, American Academy of Political and Social Science, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Phi Beta Kappa, and is listed in *Who's Who in America*. He received an honorary Doctor of Hebrew Letters degree from the Baltimore Hebrew College in 1975.



RONALD A. BRAUNER

Ronald Brauner was born and raised in Philadelphia, attended schools there, was graduated from the Akiba Hebrew Academy and received his Bachelor's degree from Temple University. He studied for one year in Jerusalem at the Hayim Greenberg College, and received his Ph.D. degree from the Dropsie University in Semitic Studies.

Dr. Brauner is Dean and Director of the Rabbinic Civilization Program at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Philadelphia. He has served as associate professor of Bible and History at Gratz College. He taught at Akiba Hebrew Academy for six years and was assistant principal. He has been a research-writer and teacher-trainer for the Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Dr. Brauner was a member of the faculty of the

College of Liberal Arts of Temple University as instructor in Hebrew language and literature and taught Judaica at Beaver College. Dr. Brauner serves on the Executive Board of the Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia, the Education Committee of the Solomon Schechter Day School and the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center.

Dr. Brauner is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Oriental Society, the Jewish Educators' Assembly and The Association for Jewish Studies.

He is the author of numerous articles on Bible, Rabbinics and Religion, a contributing author for *GENESIS, THE STUDENT'S GUIDE*, published by the Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary, editor of *Shiv'im: Essays and Studies in Honor of Ira Eisenstein* (KTAV, 1978) and *Jewish Civilization: Essays and Studies* (RRCP, 1979), and book editor of *Reconstructionist*.

Registration is limited to the first ninety persons applying. Extensive modernization of the facilities of the mountain top retreat in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina has been recently completed. Wildacres is the birthplace of the B'nai B'rith Institutes, which were inaugurated in 1948.

Kosher food will be served, with light refreshments after every session. Afternoons are open for recreation, with facilities for swimming, tennis and golf available in the area. Opportunities are also available for folk singing and dancing, arts and crafts, sight-seeing, and hiking.

The fee for the Institute is \$125 per person, which includes tuition, room, and meals.

Reservations for the Institute may be made by writing to the chairman of the Institute, Dr. A. J. Kravtin, 1715 Preston Drive, Columbus, Ga., who may be reached at 404-324-1086 (office) or 404-327-5175 (home).

N. C. B'NAI B'RITH INSTITUTE OF JUDAISM AT WILDACRES

North Carolina B'nai B'rith and the District Grand Lodge No. 5 will hold its thirty-fourth annual Institute of Judaism at Wildacres August 16th to 19th. The subject matter of the speakers is to be "Anti-Semitism Updated: Histories of Fables, Lies, and Replies." Discussions will follow all sessions.

Dr. Ellis Rivkin is Fellow of the Center of Religion and the Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion at Cincinnati, Ohio. He has written numerous books and articles. He is a member of several honorary and professional associations. He received an honorary Doctor of Hebrew Letters from Baltimore Hebrew College in 1975. His topics will include the following: What Crucified Jesus? The Dynamics of Anti-Semitism in Historical Perspective; Tragic Trap or Messianic Hope.

Rabbi Sol Bernards will discuss these topics: American Christians, Anti-semitism, and Israel; The New Religious Cults and Anti-Semitism; The Moral Majority, Right Wing Politics, and the Jewish Community. Rabbi Bernards has recently received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Susquehanna University. He is Director of Inter-religious and Interfaith Affairs Programs of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League. He has held that position for twenty years. A native of Chicago, he graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary. He earned a B. A. from Chicago's Lewis Institute and a J.D. from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is also a member of the Illinois Bar. During World War II he served as Chaplain in the Armed Forces. From 1946 to 1949 he served as regional director of rescue and rehabilitation agencies in Palestine, which became Israel in 1948. He served as Rabbi in Schenectady, New York, for eleven

years.

An added treat for participants in this Institute will be Ruth Rubin, who will speak about Jewish Folksong throughout the world, and she will sing for us folksongs well remembered, as well as some less known. Yiddish Folksongs tell the history of our people, and depict our many moods and fortunes.

Wildacres, near Little Switzerland in North Carolina, holds its visitors in enchantment, and this Institute is a splendid opportunity for a visit. Young people are especially welcome, and are invited to attend at one-half the regular fee. Send all reservations with deposit of \$25 per person for this Institute (August 16-19) to Leo L. Hoffman, 11300 Carmel Chace Dr., Pineville, N. C. 28134. Full fee is \$125.00 per person, fees to those under 40 years are \$62.50 per person.

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For the Record

by Norman Olshansky

Regional Director
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I ask this question over and over but I still can't answer it to my satisfaction . . . why?

Why do some young people and those not so young have the need to deface property with swastikas? It can't be just because it is a common graffiti sign or logo. Anyone who would print or draw a swastika must know that it carries a message more powerful than the glow of the paint or the boldness of the lines. To Jews and non-Jews alike, the swastika conveys a message of hate and memories of a political and social movement which caused worldwide havoc, death and destruction.

I constantly ask . . . "Why"! Today, as I write this column, . . . I received reports of a second swastika daubing incident this week, both occurring in a Richmond, Virginia suburb. The first incident involved the painting of swastikas on the property of a Jewish communal facility and the second was on the entrance way to a residential subdivision. Other daubings were also reported this week from a North Carolina college campus and a rural Virginia community where bumper stickers were also found which said "Oil Yes—Jews No".

. . . Neo-Nazi groups are both claiming and disclaiming involvement with John Hinckley, accused assailant on the life of our President.

. . . Reports from West Germany indicate alarm over the increase in neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic material found stockpiled in the homes of extreme rightists.

. . . So called "World Leaders" are using the United Nations and other international forums as a

conduit for anti-Zionist hate, continuing to give support to terrorists while equating Zionism with racism. The Soviet Union denies religious freedom to Jews and others and supports the PLO which seeks to destroy the Jewish State of Israel.

Why . . . ? Why, are we constantly the targets of hate? What possibly could be the reason for the revival of the swastika from the hands of young vandals or from the mouths and publications of neo-Nazis here and abroad?

Many people have suggested this or that as the answer just as you may have ideas reading this column. But I have been unable to find simple answers or be satisfied with any one response. I will keep asking why and continue to seek ways to educate against prejudice and hate. Maybe you have some ideas which we could translate into positive action. If so, don't just sit there . . . write them down, send us a letter get on the phone, get involved. Help us answer the question WHY.

For more information on what you can do contact your local rabbi, Jewish community leadership and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at 3311 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

A doctor received a phone call from a Jewish author, whose child had drunk all of his ink, and he wanted the doctor to come at once. (Obviously, this happened long time ago.) The doctor said he would come at once, but, he asked, "What are you doing meanwhile?" "Writing with a pencil" responded the caller.

Bar Mitzvah in Athens

by Richard A. Klein

Flowers flow freely from the balcony during the Torah procession. Sweets and candy are passed to congregants as they leave the service. The Hazzan pounds his fist to appeal for silence, or at least a bit less noise, but to no avail.

It's Saturday morning in one of Athens' two Sephardic synagogues. For most of the city's 5000 Jews, Saturday is another work day. Nick Macropoulos, for example, will continue to sell shirts on Padrossou Street in the heart of old Athens, the famed plaka section just below the Acropolis. But many Jews come to services this Saturday for a Bar Mitzvah.

The synagogues are located in a poor section of the city near small junk yards. They are several blocks away from Nick Macropoulos' shop and about a ten-minute walk to the base of the Acropolis.

On this Sabbath morning the larger synagogue is alive and screaming with activity with a Bar Mitzvah. The engaging blond-haired, fair-skinned youth wins over everyone. Half the congregants appear to be close family and are honored with aliyot.

Even so, ceremony on the pulpit is difficult to follow on the floor level and impossible among the women in the balcony. The synagogue is a town hall with conversation on all sides.

The young bespectacled hazzan eyes the congregants. No change. More pounding with his fist and a thundering "Shhhhhh!" Still more noise. He goes back to the ritual.

Ask for a siddur and you're handed a small black prayerbook published years ago by the Union of American Sephardic Jews in New York. The Torah service is nowhere to be found. But, then,

what difference does it make? No one uses a siddur here.

More noise. The shamas walks up and down with more "shhning." Only the Bar Mitzvah's short handwritten speech does the trick. The decorum so lacking before is immediately present as the young pronouncement of faith is recited before peers and relatives. It lasts three minutes and is the only sermon of the day.

After his talk, the Bar Mitzvah walks happily through the multitude to kiss and be kissed. Bear-hugs greet him along the way. All this kissing and hugging is among friends, relatives and every bubbe in the balcony.

The next big moment in the balcony happens during the Torah procession. Rose petals and wild flowers gently fall upon the Bar Mitzvah as he walks, holding the small Torah clutched tightly to his chest. Some flowers have already floated from the floor above, landing on unsuspecting congregants below and rest on kephahs throughout the 90-minute service.

Every child in the synagogue follows the Torah in the procession, which causes a stir since there are as many children present as adults.

Finally the Bar Mitzvah steps back on the pulpit and walks underneath the seven Ner Tamids hanging above the bema. He faces the Holy Ark. An elder carefully places the scroll into the Ark—actually stepping into the Ark, built like a small closet.

The conclusion of the Torah service signals increased agitation among the congregants. The women start to leave, but not before partaking of a cookie or sweet handed to them on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah.

Below, the Rabbi speeds up the

mussaf—double-time. Responses to the Rabbi come loud and clear from the young people.

By the time for the mourner's kaddish, everyone is standing and preparing to leave. The Hazzan is now leading the service while simultaneously removing his white robe and mitre. He even manages to loosen his tie. By the end of the service, less than ten remain behind to hear the final words.

Meanwhile, Nick Macropoulos continues to hawk his wares in the plaka. He looks for mishpachah, trying to size up his customers and proudly declaring, "**You** are a **Jew!**" Of course, you knew that, but you still wonder how young Nick was so certain when you're not even wearing an evident mazzuzah.

Why doesn't Nick attend services? "I have to work," he explains.

What kind of name is Nick Macropoulos for a nice Jewish boy? "I'm Greek!" he shouts. "You think I'm from the moon?"

How does he answer for the cross around his neck, which he sheepishly hid earlier in the conversation. "My girl friend gave it to me. I wish she had given me a Magen David instead. But with so few Jews in Greece (about 5000), it's hard to find a Jewish girl to marry."

If Nick takes the plunge, he may be lost forever to the synagogue. The only marriages performed in Greece are religious ceremonies, so either Nick or his intended must convert.

Letters to the Editor

Elizabeth and I certainly want to thank you, as well as our four children, for the wonderful surprise article in last month's Times-Outlook.

Now if we can just have a few years to live up to the image our kids painted, we've got it made!

We do appreciate your welcoming such an article in your fine publication. Without flattery I can tell you that my travels among congregations in this area indicate extremely strong readership as the prime—and often only—publication read by laypersons and professionals alike.

With best wishes,

Walter J. Klein
President

At the 1980 B'nai B'rith Institute at Wildacres we heard lectures by three outstanding men. Many facets of Jewish concern were discussed. One was the decline in Jewish population in America. What perturbs me was the sense of fatalism and futility in our society that counters any effort to do anything about it. This problem has bothered me since I first heard

it discussed at Wildacres thirty years ago by Jacob Marcus and L. Srole, a sociologist. They projected American Jewish population by the year 2,000 would be about two and one-half million. At that time it was thought to be about five million. Then, as now, we do not know; we guess. For example, in my town we instituted a precise nose count (no joke intended) in 1959. Our establishment said 2,500 Jews, but we found 1,612. The demographic survey has been made annually since that time, and for this year we have the unhappy number of 1,086 Jews. Except for some shifts to Florida and like places, the decline has been visible all over the country.

If we give thought to the probable loss of population, some results could be:

Abandonment of synagogues and temples.

Curtailment of Sunday and Hebrew Schools.

Reduction of Jewish political influence.

Reduction of aid to Israel.

Increase of per capita burden for maintenance of Jewish institutions.

Development of escapism philosophy—"sinking ship."

In some sections of Jewry, such as the Lubavitchers, there is a vibrant feeling of being the

instrument of Divinity. In a part of Orthodoxy, this spirit is also evident. But in the rest of Jewry, we believe that what moves the great majority is the pride in our background and achievement together with our wish to comply well with our Christian environment. But that a massive "boomerang" religious revival will take place seems improbable. Some will argue mystically that there will always be "a saving remnant" of Jews, and this might be the case. However, a remnant cannot prevent the list of unhappy effects listed above.

Now it seems that the decline of Jewry in America is proceeding in spite of many religious and cultural efforts that are being exerted. It seems the sword of Damocles does hang over our heads, but we fail to employ all of the needed tools to fight it. Surely we are using religious, cultural, and social efforts, but we dodge the effort to **maintain numbers**. It would appear that, as parents of young married children, we have ourselves become convinced that "2" was enough—that the expense of raising—these views certainly influence young married couples.

What to do? Encourage the young as they grow up. Assist early marriage. Preach the joys of "more." If we have more children you may be sure that the lessons our lecturers will have fertile ground to grow in. Herzl said, "We will but we will it." Knowing the dangers, I feel that we can avoid them, "IF WE BUT WILL IT."

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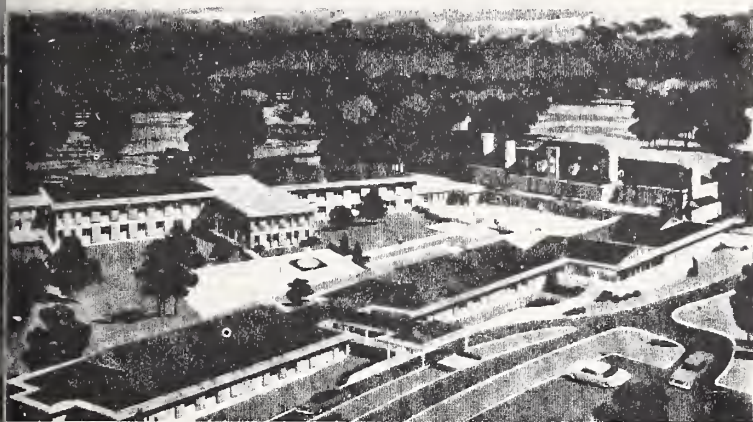
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JUNE, 1981

HOME DIETICIAN TACKLES TOUGH ISSUE

Helen Bumgardner, the Home's Director of Dietetics, served as a faculty member at the 1981 Annual Education Conference of the Non-Profit Homes for the Aged Associations of North and South Carolina which convened at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina April 29-May 1. Mrs. Bumgardner, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State College for Women, interned at Vanderbilt University Hospital and has done graduate work at Iowa University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is well known on local, state and national levels for her expertise as consultant and lecturer regarding State and Federal rules and regulations. She is also qualified to speak on cost control and budgeting, food and drug interactions and other areas relevant to the field of nutrition and dietetics.

Mrs. Bumgardner joined Dr. Robert Haacker (President of Jefferson Davis Nursing Home in Jennings, Louisiana), Mr. Robert Freeate (President of Morningside Manor in San Antonio, Texas), and Mr. James C. Stroud (Director of Environmental Services at Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medi-

cal Center) in the three-day program. Keynote speakers for the occasion were Sister Thomas More, Public Relations Director for Silver Lake College, and Kenneth K. Henning, Director of the Certified Public Manager program of the State of Georgia.

The meeting was geared towards administrators and department supervisors in the fields of dietetics, housekeeping and maintenance. The theme of the conference, "Nuts, Bolts and Dreams" focused on presentations and discussions on ways of accomplishing the necessary daily tasks and responsibilities in a nursing home while providing for future growth and improved care.

Mrs. Bumgardner and other faculty members stressed the need for more and better communication between departments. In the concurrent sessions, workshop leaders voiced their major problems and misunderstandings with other departments. They also were able to question professionals from other facilities about the best ways for solving these problems.

In her presentation, Mrs. Bumgardner highlighted the fact that the dietary department in the Blu-

menthal Jewish Home is a very closely watched operation whose quality is constantly being judged because they have an obligation to meet three meal deadlines each day, in addition to the numerous snacks and special events. Because of their high visibility, it is necessary that the program be very thorough and effective. The monotony of the institution is another very difficult hurdle that must be overcome. The planning of special meals highlighting ethnic orientation and the creation of events such as Hawaiian Day can offset the tedium of the "institutional food".

As an outgrowth of the conference, the members of the maintenance and housekeeping departments recognized a need to communicate with each other on a state-wide level for discussion and problem-solving. James A. Merrell, the Home's Chief Engineer is leading this effort.

Attending the conference in addition to Mrs. Bumgardner and Mr. Merrell were Mr. Al. A. Mendlovitz, Executive Director and Ms. Jan Sawyer, Director of Community Programming.

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In a separate meeting of the North Carolina Non-Profit Homes for the Aging Association, two of the Home's staff members were nominated and elected to key positions. Jan Sawyer was elected Secretary of the state association, and Al. Mendlovitz was elected the association's delegate to AA-HA (the American Association of Not-for-Profit Homes for the Aged).

ANNOUNCING THE *Brenner Series*

A generous allocation from the Morris A. Brenner Memorial Fund has made possible a unique and exciting programming idea for the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The grant money will be used to fund two concurrent series, the Concert Series and the Lecture/Discussion Series. Both series will bring to the Home entertainers and speakers who will provide residents with a distinctly high quality of artistic and intellectual effort.

The Morris A. Brenner Concert Series will offer 12 concerts per year, held one Sunday afternoon each month. The premier concert, but the brass quintet, "Matrix", was held on May 3. The Lecture/Discussion Series (12 evening lectures per year) begins on May 14 with the first of three presentations on the topic, "Facing Up to the Challenge of the Modern Jewish Community." Marvin Bienstock, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and the Foundation of the Jewish Community in Charlotte, is the featured speaker.

The Concerts and Lecture/Discussions will be announced monthly in Times/Outlook. Guests, family members and friends of the Home are invited and encouraged to attend any of these offerings. Due to budget cuts, many facilities are currently being forced to limit their recreation programs.

With this in mind, we can only say that the Home is truly fortunate to be able to offer entertainment and activity of such high caliber on a regular basis.

Focus ON A RESIDENT

MARY CHIZIK

by Sharon Roevers, R.T.

The time with Mary Chizik was pleasantly spent talking about her past as well as her life here at Blumenthal Jewish Home. She was born in Russia on October 12, 1900. She left Russia while still a small girl, and moved to New York City with her parents, her two brothers, and her sister. Her family left New York City and moved to Asheville, NC in 1918. Mary finished her high school education in Asheville.



Mary Chizik

While living there, she worked as a sales girl in a department store. She met her husband, Morris Chizik, when she was 17 years old and he was in the army. Mary and Morris were married when she was 19 years old.

After her husband left the service, he worked in a department store, and then later bought his own store. Mary helped her husband in the department store occasionally, but mostly enjoyed being a homemaker and a mother.

She has two children, a son, Eugene, and a daughter, Sylvia. She is also a proud grandmother of seven grandchildren. While she was raising her family, she was also very involved in her synagogue.

Presently, Mary likes to spend time with friends at the Home either talking or taking walks. She spends her leisure time knitting scarves which are sold through the Craft Showcase. When given enough notice, she is able to make special order scarves. Some of her hobbies are playing rummikub with her friends, playing bingo and enjoying movies.

Mary Chizik is also a member of the Social Hour Committee. She helps decide what the residents would like to do at the Social Hour. She has volunteered her time to help with the Asheville Springfest Booth. Making flowers for the booth as well as volunteering to work the booth for a while during Springfest.

It is truly a pleasure to have a resident like Mary Chizik here at the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

THE MORRIS A. BRENNER MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES MAY 3

"MATRIX" BRASS QUINTET
2:30 pm on the Courtyard
Classical, semi-classical and
light music arranged for brass
ensemble

JUNE 7

THE WAKE FOREST PIANO TRIO

Louis Goldstein, piano
David Levy, violin
Elaine Colprit, cello
3:00 pm in the Living Room
Works by Dvorak, Fauré and
Haydn

JULY 19

THE GREENSBORO CHAPTER
OF THE SOCIETY for the
Preservation and Encourage-
ment of Barber Shop Quartet
Singing in America

aturing the Green City Sound
 ul' Bell, Tenor
 b Day, Lead
 nny Kaplan, Baritone
 Kutz, Bass
 0 pm in the Auditorium
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**THE MORRIS A. BRENNER
 MEMORIAL LECTURE/
 DISCUSSION SERIES**
 Facing Up To The Challenges
 The Modern Jewish
 Community"
 Marvin Bienstock, Executive
 Director of the Jewish
 Federation and the Foundation

of the Jewish Community of
 Charlotte
MAY 14
 "The Changing Jewish
 Community"
 A look at the shifting patterns
 of family and personal life and
 how these shifts affect Judaism
 and Jewish institutions, as well
 as the individual Jew.
 7:00 pm in the Living Room
JUNE 11
 "Meeting the Challenges in
 North Carolina"
 An examination of the ways in
 which the communities of NC

are attempting to developing
 and maintain positive & strong
 Jewish families and commu-
 nities
 7:00 pm in the Living Room
JULY 9
 "The Future—What It Could Be
 and What It Should Be"
 Two views of the American
 Jewish community in the year
 2000, as seen by a pessimist
 and by a realistic optimist.
 7:00 pm in the Living Room

The Spirit of Volunteerism

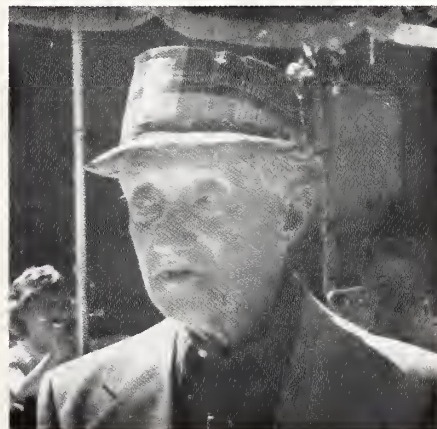
Craig C. Shaffer
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 in the **Clemmons Courier**
 y 7, 1981

The sun glistened on wheel-
 airs as the volunteers that help
 m roll were honored at the Blu-
 nthal Jewish Home last Sun-
 y. Hundreds of residents, area
 zens and staff gathered for a
 o-part program featuring the
 trix Brass Quintet and a volun-
 r recognition ceremony.

The annual ceremony honors
 ident, community, gift shop and
 gious service volunteers that
 ate their time and energy to
 rove the service, care and
 ality of the nursing home facili-
 While the May sun melted over
 audience, the Matrix Brass
 intet molded their attention
 h a repertoire ranging from ear-
 sixteenth century chamber mu-
 to contemporary jazz works.
 e Quintet gives concerts in
 hools, universities, museums,
 aries and parks, and conducts
 rkshops and educational pro-
 ms for all student levels. The
 emble is in residence at the
 we Performing Arts Festival in
 mont, where it has given per-
 os its most unusual perform-

ance—on top of Mt. Mansfield.

After finishing with "Old Brown
 Jug," the second part of the pro-
 gram began with a welcome by Al.
 A. Mendlovitz, executive director
 of the Home. "A volunteer in a
 place like this is very special," he
 began. "You know that Al. Mend-
 lovitz and the 180-odd employees
 here come because this is their



Sam Cohen was recognized for his faithful help with Friday and Saturday services.

job. But with a volunteer, you
 know that these people really and
 honestly want to give service...
 and the quality of what is done is
 very good."

Mendlovitz expressed concern
 about the state of the economy

and the Reagan administration.
 "I'm really concerned about the
 next two years," he said. "It is
 clear that the Reagan administra-
 tion will cut back on funds on peo-
 ple conducting services for resi-
 dents of facilities such as this...
 the question is how to take up the
 slack?"

He explained that a recruitment
 campaign for volunteers can't re-
 place what the staff does, "but it
 is 'icing on the cake'. And the
 more icing we have, we won't suf-
 fer when times get tight." "Volun-
 teers for the past 15 years have
 been very important to us," he
 said. He complimented the work
 in volunteer supervision by Ginger
 Morrison, social worker and Jan
 Sawyer, director of community
 programming.

Jan Sawyer addressed her com-
 ments to the range of volunteers
 that work and live at the Home,
 the ones that sign in from the com-
 munity, the ones that help with re-
 ligious services and the individ-
 uals that assist with the gift shop
 run by the Jewish community.

Michael Robison, executive di-
 rector of the Voluntary Action Cen-
 ter in Winston-Salem gave the key-
 note speech on "The Importance

of Volunteerism." "Winston-Salem and Forsyth County human services programs would not go on without volunteers," he said. "If



Jan Sawyer presents special Volunteer pins to Kelly Cox and Mary Katherine Shough. Kelly volunteered 184½ hours during the year; Mary Katherine donated 108 hours of volunteer help.

citizens in the 1980's aren't involved in volunteerism, the kind of quality of service we had in the past won't last." He stressed the importance of volunteers to the entire community, and the development of the volunteer him or herself. Robison also challenged the residents to become "surrogate grandparents" for area children. "You're so rich . . . so full of all kinds of experiences they will never know . . . Sharing with one another is the important thing."

Robison assisted Jan Sawyer to present certificates of recognition to the numerous volunteers. Kelly Cox and Mary Katherine Shough, community youth volunteers, were especially honored for their contributions. Miss Cox has donated 184½ hours of her time this past year; Miss Shough has donated 108 hours. Virginia Bowers, ac-



Young volunteer, Kimberly Bott, helps serve refreshments. Kimberly has worked 22 hours since becoming a volunteer.

companist, played a stirring rendition of "God Bless America" while most of the audience rose.

Sam Jacobson, religious consultant, preceded his benediction in saying that he's "so impressed with what's going on. The youngsters coming in volunteering put the adults to shame," he chided. "With their help, I know the future of the Home is sure. We need young people and youth and adult volunteers—they sure bring a lot of joy to the home. I'm emotionally moved, for what's going on is very remarkable."

Focus on the Staff

MARY BELL CHUNN CARSON, Nursing Assistant
by Mary Rice, RN

Mary Carson took her Nurses Assistant course at A & T College in Greensboro in 1966. She came to work at the Jewish Home on



Mary Carson

April 26, 1966, and has worked here since that time. She became ill the first week she was supposed to work and had to delay her employment for a week. This really bothered her. She has missed very little time from work since that time.

While working at the Jewish Home, she was also employed by two doctors in Salisbury. She worked for these doctors approximately 12 years while also taking care of her home and children.

Mary Carson has three children—two boys and a girl. Of course, they are all grown and on their own now. She has 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mary is very young at heart, but she states that she feels 90 years old at times. (She celebrated her 65th birthday in April, 1981.) Her fifteen years at the Jewish Home have been pleasant ones. She says it's like coming home each time she comes to work, she's been coming so long.

Only good things are said about Mary Carson. Her Unit Manager states that the Home would be hard put to find many employees as devoted and dedicated as she. She is always pleasant and dependable, and often works to fill in on B-1 when there are absences and illnesses.

Before coming to the Home, Mary was also employed at Boxwood Lodge in Mocksville for 28 years. She was not only a good employee, but a good friend of Mr. and Mrs. Woodson who owned the Lodge. So you see she has had a very busy life. Mary plans to work until she is 100 years old if they will have her, she says. At the rate she is going now, she'll make it!

HOMEMADE

reprinted from "The Scrapbook"

Don't know about you, but we'd rather have a gift made by the giver's own hands than something new from Tiffany's. Sorry about that, Tiffany, but that's just the way we feel.

Don't care whether it's a crudely-made walking stick, or an amateurish drawing, a valentine cut out of red poster paper by a clumsy little hand, or a sweater with unequal arms. The point is, when we get it, we can envision that dear soul, be it brother or friend, son or daughter, niece or nephew, grandmother or grandchild or

...e, bent over that piece of work,
...céntrating, quiet, maybe with
...tip of the tongue sticking out
...he corner of the mouth, hands
...eezing the scissors or smear-
...the glue or rubbing with sand-
...er or dropping stitches.
...may be cheap and it may be—
...almost certainly will be—im-
...fect. But what we understand,
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...ch," is that while that dear
...son was holding the creation
...is hands, he was holding us in
...heart. That adds a special
...lity to the gift that no Tiffany
...n could ever match.



Elsie Reynolds sanding a cheese-



*...ent on her painting, Elsie
...bertson (who is a professional
...st), works in the Craft Room.*

FOCUS ON THE BOARD

J. TANNENBAUM, M.D.

This month's featured Board member is Dr. A. J. Tannenbaum. Long-time Board member, Dr. Tannenbaum first became involved with the Home through Blumenthal.

Dr. Tannenbaum graduated from Duke University School of Medi-

cine, and trained at a number of medical facilities around the country. He settled in Greensboro, his wife's hometown, after five years in the Army Medical Corps. Currently he is an attending physician



A. J. Tannenbaum

at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

Dr. Tannenbaum's many honors include being a Fellow and Past Governor of the American College of Gastroenterology, Past President of the Greensboro Academy of Medicine, a member of the Board of Trustees of Duke University from 1977 to 1979, a member of the Board of Visitors at Guilford College from 1973 to 1979, Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of N. C. School of Medicine in 1979, and currently, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of N. C. in affiliation with Moses Cone Memorial Hospital. He is also a member of the Kiwanis International Club of Greensboro.

Dr. Tannenbaum is chairman of the Home's Medical Committee, and is very involved in the development of the Home's medical services.

As one can see, the Home is fortunate to have such a talented and versatile individual on our Board of Governors.

Other Volunteers

These names were inadvertently left off the list of Volunteers which was published in the May issue of Times/Outlook. We regret

the omission, and wish to express our appreciation and gratitude for the following people who have donated their time and efforts in behalf of the Home:

RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS

Welcome Committee:

Abe Fine
Beth Gross
Emma Pearson
Jean Tager

Tour Guide Committee:

Rose Block
Sam Cohen
Anni Frankl
Alice Fruh
Percy Johnson
Rose Leibowitz
Josephine Rappaport
Minnie Tureff
Judith Wainer

Special Recognition:

Selma Caston (President of Residents Council)
Sam Cohen (for faithful help with Sabbath services)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Richard Blue
Piedmont Travel Club
Judy Tager

GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Rose Clein
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Friedensen
Deborah Lewis
Toby Sidman
Lil Sosnik (Mrs. Charles)

RELIGIOUS SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Howard Adler
Lillie Cavenough
Alice Fay Clontz
Phil Datnoff
Alan Davis
Louis Friedman
Jonathan Malino
Evelyn Marlin
Rabbi Stephen Moch
Frank Nelson
Ben Shapiro
Edna Temples
Rev. & Mrs. James O. Williams

Calendar For June

JUNE 7

3:00 p.m. in the Living Room
Brenner Concert Series: The
Wake Forest University String
Trio

JUNE 11

7:00 p.m. in the Living Room
Brenner Lecture/Discussion
Series: "The Changing Jewish
Community"

JUNE 14

2:30 p.m. in the Dining Room
Annual Father's Day Concert
sponsored by the families of
Sol Levin and Jack Perlman
The Livestock Players Musical
Review present "BROADWAY
ON PARADE"

JUNE 21

Winston-Salem Symphony pre-
sents "Music at Sunset"—
"Tuneful Twosomes"
Leave the Home at 6:00 p.m. for
Graylyn Estate

JUNE 28

Winston-Salem Symphony pre-
sents "Music at Sunset"—
"Cartoons and Comic Strips"
Leave the Home at 6:00 p.m. for
Graylyn Estate

Families and friends are invited to
join us for these special events.

Also coming: JUNE 24:

Resident/Staff Variety Show
2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

task. At this time, it is our privilege to accept and dedicate on behalf of a Jewish family, this beautiful cup. This silver goblet shall be the most valued cup on our table and shall be given the place of honor as the cup of Elijah.

As we fill this cup later in the service—and open the door, expressing our faith in the coming of the Messiah—and that the Prophet Elijah will bear the tidings of eternal peace—so shall we be reminded of a Bal T'Sudacha, a very charitable man in our midst—a person who has quietly given of himself in a material and in what many would say, a spiritual way.

This unassuming man has served on the Board of Governors of this Home for many years and has a definite feeling of dedication to the Home. Like Elijah, he has been the bearer of wisdom and prophecy for this wonderful facility. On many earlier occasions, he predicted the success of the Home and its pace setting in the care of the aging as we see it today. He further predicted its continued growth and leadership role for the future.

On behalf of his family, we accept this silver cup for the Home. As we partially fill this cup with wine, it becomes our pleasure and privilege to dedicate it in honor of Mr. SOL LEVIN.

lies in the practice of "condescension medicine" in which no investigation is made by the physician to discover the underlying cause of symptoms of apathy, confusion, failing memory, steady gait, bedwetting, inattentiveness or agitation.

All too often the patient or family are advised to become reconciled to these symptoms. Irreversible brain changes which in fact, the symptoms may result from a wide variety of causes including hypertension, poor brain circulation, anemia, dietary deficiencies, glandular problems, drug reactions, depression, and many other correctables.

The author emphasizes the need for realization among physicians and the general public that classic symptoms of senility may result from any condition that interferes with normal blood flow to the brain or with the oxygen richness of that blood involved. Early diagnosis of contributing factors such as congestive heart failure, heart rhythm abnormalities, anemia, polycythemia (the reverse of anemia), or inflammatory artery disease could prevent much mental deterioration.

Significant emphasis is placed on the early control of hypertension which is notable in mental decline. "In people with elevated blood pressure, heart attacks are 3 to 5 times more common than those with normal blood pressure. Stroke is 4 times more common; congestive heart failure is 5 times more common; and the risk of kidney failure is greatly increased."

Depression among the elderly is a problem of "staggering proportions" and may be manifested in any or all of the symptoms of senility. Primarily depression is the result of the "season of loss" of a person's sensory input, hearing impairment, diminished smell, reduced lung function, loss of physical vigor, mental agility, in-

A Special Dedication

by Elbert E. Levy, Director of
Planning & Development

(Note: The following is the text from the dedication of a "Cup of Elijah", given to the Home by the family of Sol Levin on April 18, 1981.)

Before we commence the reading of the Passover Haggadah, the Seder service, we are privileged to participate in a most pleasant

Book Review

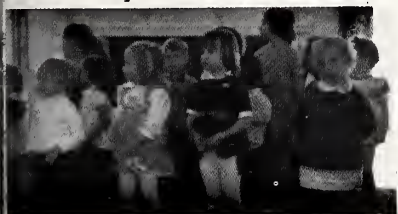
**THE TRUTH ABOUT SENILITY—
AND HOW TO AVOID IT** by
Lawrence Galton; reviewed by
Catherine Smith, Craft Shop
Instructor.

For every individual who looks to live to a ripe old age, this is an enlightening and sometimes frightening study of the varied causes of the symptoms of senility—many of which are reversible if properly treated. The real peril and frustration for the older patient

me, and loved ones.
 Closing on a positive note, the author cites growing biomedical research in geriatrics and increasing pressure on medical schools to include a geriatrics training program in their curriculum. Commendations are made for proper dietary and exercise programs for the elderly. Perhaps of equal importance is the statement that in the absence of organic disease, "brain changes do not occur if the elderly individual continues to live in a stimulating environment."

Mother's Day 1981

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than with children?



Friday, May 8, sixteen pre-schoolers from Mrs. Freeman's Little Folks School in Winston-Salem came to the Home for a Mother's Day Tea. The children were dressed in their new spring outfits so residents could see the latest styles in children's wear. They sang a number of songs and, of course—being children—were thoroughly entertaining!



Coming June 14!
 "Broadway On Parade"

Please Tell Me

by Grace Chaplin

Admissions Coordinator

Q. Must I turn over my assets to the Home before admission?

A. No! We charge only our per diem rates. However, since we cannot operate without contributions, any gifts are, of course, gratefully received, but admission is certainly not based on financial contributions.

Q. Is it possible to come to the Home temporarily while my family is on vacation?

A. Yes. The kind of short-term stay you have in mind is called "Respite." For more information about this program, contact Ginger Morrison, Social Worker, at the Home. (919-766-6401)

Q. My mother has had her personal physician for many years. May he stay on as her personal physician?

A. While a Resident of the Home, care is assumed by our staff physicians. One's personal physician may serve as a consultant to the staff physician at the Resident's expense.

Q. How is laundry cared for?

A. Laundry is done by the Home and is covered by our per diem rate. We suggest that as many things as possible be wash and wear. Articles that require hand washing will have to be done by the Resident or family. We will send out clothing that must be dry cleaned, but the Resident must assume the charge.

Q. My mother is in a semi-private room and is presently there alone. Must she pay private room rates?

A. No, she continues to pay semi-private rates.

REMEMBRANCE CHAIRMEN

CHAPEL HILL

Mrs. Minerva Levin

CHARLOTTE

Mrs. H. J. Nelson

Mrs. Stanley Deckelbaum,
Co-Chairmen

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Mrs. Herman Levine

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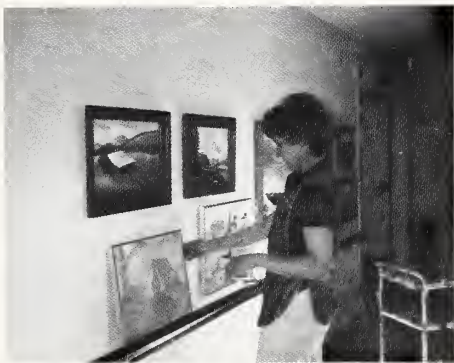
WILMINGTON

Mrs. William Schwartz

Please contact the Chairman in your area if you wish to make a contribution to the Blumenthal Jewish Home in memory of or in honor of relatives and friends. If your town does not have a representative, please offer your services. Write:

Mrs. Nathan Sutker
 723 Larkhall Lane
 Charlotte, N. C. 28211

What's Been Happening?



Catherine Smith, Craft Shop Instructor, hangs the first pictures in the Gallery of Resident Art. Be sure to note them (next to the coffee shop) next time you visit the Home.

Dr. Elizabeth Welch, Senior Congressional Intern for Congressman Steve Neal and past national officer of AARP, spoke to Residents on May 6 about issues and legislation involving Older Americans.



The vote for or against incorporation of Clemmons takes place May 12. Proponents of both sides of the issue met with Residents early in May to persuade them to vote. Here Ricky Evans, vice-chairman of the Concerned Citizens against Incorporation of Clemmons, lists reasons for Residents to vote against incorporation.

The first Brenner Concert held May 3, was a smashing success! Blue skies, capacity crowds and enjoyable music by the brass quintet, "Matrix", made the afternoon's entertainment first-rate.



*At the first Seder:
Fannie Frank (Charlotte) and
Grace Schwartz (Greensboro)
PHOTOS COURTESY OF JACK LEVIN*

The lead characters from the musical, "Annie Get Your Gun" entertained Residents on Sunday, April 26 with a sampling of songs and a synopsis of the plot. The fun will continue on May 13 when Residents and staff attend the Little Theatre's entire performance of the play.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in
Book of Life with Health and
happiness:

Irene Blake
Ruth Dudley
Fannie Frank
William Reynolds
Molly Schwartz
Phillip Tager
Judith Wainer
Sophie Zuckerman
Emma Pearson
Hunter Johnson

WELCOME

May you enjoy a long, happy and
lively life.

Carl & Mayer Schulman, Miami
Beach, Florida
Ada Stern, Asheville, North
Carolina
Marilyn Handler, Charlotte, North
Carolina
Fred Yanko, Charlotte, North
Carolina

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Rebecca
Dattoff, Anna Dattoff, James Sifford,
Hannah Kirshner, Abe Harrison,
Alice Conrad, Tyman Wechsler,
Charles Kappel.
May their loving memory bring
comfort to their loved ones.

It has become a beautiful
tradition for people to express
their interest in the Home by
making commemorative gifts.
Over the years these generous
donations have greatly en-
riched the quality of life for
the Home's Residents. The
prayers and thanks of our
Residents are expressed for
the contributions made to the
Home from March 5, 1981, to
April 5, 1981.

IN MEMORY OF:

MR. ALEX ASHENOORF, FATHER OF
MIRIAM VALENSTEIN

By: Mr. & Mrs. William Koralek
MR. JACK ASHENDORF, BROTHER
OF IKE ASHENDORF

By: Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Madans
Mr. & Mrs. E. Packard

FERN B. BANK

By: Esther & Arthur Frank

MR. TONI BARBOUR

By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearlman
MRS. CHANDLER, MOTHER OF MRS.
RUTH FOX

By: Manny & Julie Eisenberg
MR. LOUIS DANISH, BROTHER OF
MRS. H. J. NELSON

By: Mr. & Mrs. William Koralek
MRS. ANNA OATNOFF

By: Robert R. Charles

Mr. & Mrs. Saul Cheslock

Irvin & Doris Cohen

Pearl & Harold Dresner

Gerson Eisenberg

Julia & Manny Eisenberg

Esther & Arthur Frank

Employees of Gaynes Debar.

Store

Mrs. A. L. Harrison

Hickory Jewish Center

Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Kellman

Mr. & Mrs. Hyman Kramer

Steven & Oonna Loupus

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Mendel

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Neulicht

Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Permutt

Floyd A. Powell

Ridge Asphalt Paving Co.

Bowling Team

Edgar C. Ridgell, Jr.

Irving Roth

Frances & Arnold Roseman

Mr. & Mrs. Foster M. Routh

Jett and Ben Shapiro

S.C. Commission on Alcohol &
Drug Abuse (Gift Fund)

Mrs. Bertha Stein

Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Sukter

Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Witten

Mrs. Marie K. Witten

Judith & Larry Zaelz

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Zerden

MR. HERMAN OAVIOSON

By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearlman

MR. LOUIS ELOEN

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SPECIAL REPORT...

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TIMES-OUTLOOK THROUGH THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL.

THE IRAQI REACTOR: A DEADLY WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF AN IRRESPONSIBLE RULER

Iraq has been making an all-out effort to acquire nuclear capacity as soon as possible. To this end she has devoted massive pecuniary and human resources in an accelerated 'Manhattan Project'-like program. At the heart of Iraq's nuclear program lie the Tammuz 17 and July 30 projects. Their combination would afford Iraq independence in the field of plutonium production in the near future. PROJECT TAMMUZ 17 includes the Tammuz 1 nuclear research reactor--one of the largest and most advanced of its kind, whose construction by French experts had begun in 1976 and whose completion was imminent.

PROJECT JULY 30 is a laboratory complex for the processing of nuclear fuel (which includes a facility for separating plutonium), whose construction by Italian experts had begun in 1978 and whose completion is likewise imminent.

A reactor such as TAMMUZ 1 has distinct military potential. It is capable of producing approximately 10 kgs. of (weapons-grade) plutonium despite the fact that both the French suppliers and Iraqi clients present it as a pure research facility.

The TAMMUZ 1, which possesses high neutron flow and cooling capacities, can transform natural or low grade uranium into plutonium. Moreover the reactor is fueled by weapons-grade (93%) uranium which itself is suitable for the production of a nuclear bomb. We may note that France has agreed to supply Iraq with approximately 80 kgs. of such fuel--a quantity which far exceeds the amount needed to operate the reactor for research purposes. The assumption is that large portions of this supply would be diverted to the production of nuclear weapons.

The Italian project, which was likewise presented as intended for the legitimate production and reprocessing of nuclear fuel, makes sense only if it is intended for military purposes, since engaging in nuclear fuel production is worthwhile only for those nations who possess many nuclear reactors (which is not Iraq's case). The reprocessing of irradiated fuel in the Iraqi context could therefore have but one aim--the production of nuclear weapons.

It is unnecessary to stress that the energy needs of Iraq (one of the world's largest oil producers) are well assured for many years to come so that there is no apparently justifiable energy reason for Iraq to push herself into obtaining nuclear capabilities as she is doing.

In addition to their plutonium-producing activities, the Iraqis have, during the past year, been active in the actual preparation of an atomic bomb and the acquisition of delivery means (which would enable them to attain the status of a minor nuclear power). They have thus investigated the financing of a 3000 km ballistic missile.

It is understandable that Iraq has placed a heavy smokescreen over her activities, in order to camouflage her belligerent nuclear aims.

Claims that international control measures could sufficiently safeguard against illicit use of the reactor are ludicrous. Prior to the Iraq-Iran war, the French claimed that the reactor which they were building in Iraq would be under the constant control of French as well as International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) experts. However, when the war erupted all of the French experts left Iraq--despite the fact that just a few months prior the first shipment of weapons-grade nuclear fuel had been delivered to Iraq. Later when the IAEA requested permission to inspect the state and storage conditions of the nuclear fuel, the Iraqis refused offering the excuse that they could not guarantee the safety of the inspectors. This incident is enough to make one wonder as to the effectiveness of international control over Iraqi nuclear installations.

Today there is a general consensus amongst the international scientific community (including French nuclear scientists) that the nuclear reactor being built in Iraq constitutes a strategic/military danger of the highest order. Pronouncements by Iraqi leaders have been most explicit as to Iraq's intentions in the field of atomic energy. As early as 1979 top Iraqi leaders (including President Saddam Hussein himself) had declared that Iraq was laboring to obtain nuclear weapons and that she considers Israel as the target of such weapons. After the Iranian Air Force had partially damaged the reactor, Saddam Hussein reiterated the fact that the reactor was intended for the production of nuclear weapons to be used against Israel.

The IAF destroyed the Osirak reactor at almost the very last minute--on the very eve of its activation. The operation was planned and carried out at a stage where there would be the least danger of radioactivity. The most painstaking efforts were made to prevent the loss of human life--to both Iraqis and foreign nationals. Given the absence of serious international control, and President Saddam Hussein's insistence upon obtaining military nuclear capability in the immediate future, Israel had no choice but to neutralize the nuclear threat hanging over herself, the nations of the Middle East and the free world, like the sword of Damocles.

IRAQ -- A NUCLEAR PROJECT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES

Background

Iraq has been making concerted efforts to erect a nuclear infrastructure that encompasses all components of the nuclear fuel cycle. To this end, considerable financial resources have been allocated to the purchase of installations and to large-scale training of personnel for nuclear research and maintenance and operation of the installations.

Though all this activity has been presented by Iraq as being for peaceful purposes--energy production, medical, agricultural and industrial development and for pure nuclear research--the emphases clearly indicate accelerated development specifically in those areas applicable to military purposes. The erection of a nuclear power station, which was ostensibly to be the cornerstone of Iraqi nuclear potential, has not even been the subject of a clear timetable--and here it should be noted that Iraq, as one of the largest oil exporters in the world, has no economic need to build nuclear power stations.

Two nuclear projects are currently nearing completion in Iraq: 'Tammuz 17' (Osirak), constructed by the French; 'July 30' constructed by the Italians. The combination of these two will afford to Iraq a viable plutonium-based military option by the mid-1980's. Furthermore, Iraqi control over the French-supplied nuclear fuel, which is to include 75 kilos of enriched (93%) uranium (of which 12 kilos is already in Iraq), could enable a military nuclear capability well within the first half of the 1980's. In parallel, the Iraqis are studying the possibilities of development of ballistic missiles with a range of 3000 kilometers, which would bring their nuclear capability within the strategic sphere.

Milestones

Iraq's widespread contacts and cooperation with countries and corporations on a wide spectrum of subjects had their beginnings in the late 1950's. The Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission was established by Regulation 45 of 1959. Amendment no. 203 of 1964 proclaimed that the President of the Commission would henceforth be the Prime Minister of Iraq (the post is presently filled by President of the Republic Saddam Hussein). Immediately upon establishment of the Commission Iraq was accepted as a member of the International Atomic Energy Administration. In 1961-62 Iraq had a seat on the Executive Council of IAEA, and the Iraqi representative served as Chairman of the Council in 1962. On October 29, 1969, Iraq signed the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty, and the signature was ratified on March 14, 1972. It should be noted that, upon ratification of the treaty, Iraq declared that the ratification should not be construed in any way as recognition of Israel.

Iraq's first agreement on nuclear cooperation with a foreign country was signed with the Soviet Union in March 1959, and was followed on July 20, 1960 by an agreement with the Soviets for the erection of a research reactor in Iraq. Construction began in 1963 of an IRT2000 reactor with 2MW capacity, at Tuwaitha, twenty kilometers southeast of Baghdad: this reactor was a part of a totally Soviet-built nuclear research centre that included radioisotope production facilities, physics labs and all the necessary auxiliary installations. Iraqi scientists, engineers and technicians were sent to Russia to learn how to operate the centre, which was opened on June 6, 1969. Since 1959, additional agreements with the Soviet Union have ensured a supply of nuclear fuel, have provided additional facilities for training in Russia, and have increased the reactor's capacity to 5MW--as of June 1978. With the increased capacity the reactor core was changed to allow use of 80% enriched uranium in place of the 10% previously used. It should be noted that since 1968 there has been a constant presence of Soviet scientists and technical advisors at Tuwaitha.

Iraq also has nuclear cooperation agreements with other East Bloc countries: Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and East Germany.

The Iraqi tendency to acquire nuclear technology from Western Europe only dates from 1975, but Iraq was already casting glances in that direction in the 1960's as a result of changing relationships with the Soviets. The precise reasons for the turn to the West can be narrowed down to the following: a desire to be free of too great a dependence on the Soviet Union, both because the USSR is considered to be observing

the principle of non-proliferation more religiously than is the West, and because the Russian technology is complex and somewhat unreliable; improvement of Iraqi contacts with the West and consolidation of the country's status as a major oil supplier, combined with Western industry's eagerness to enter the developing Middle Eastern marketplace, caused a recognition that Iraq could procure advanced, and even sensitive technology, which would help close the gap toward realization of strategic objectives--this without damaging relations with the Soviets.

An important milestone was the first nuclear science congress of the Iraqi AEC, on April 7-12, 1975, which was attended by nuclear scientists from the other Arab countries, from Europe and from the United States. Apparently it was here that the seeds were sown for nuclear cooperation with Italy (the congress was attended by Dr. Silvio Cao, Director of the Fuel Department of C.N.E.N., the Italian AEC).

In the mid-1970's, emphasis in Iraqi effort was transferred from radioisotope and radiobiology research into work on reactor engineering and nuclear fuel cycles. In parallel, in 1976, the AEC's budget was increased from \$5 to \$70 million.

Development for Military Purposes

The Iraqi agreement with France, which is now the dominant supplier of nuclear technology, was signed on November 18, 1975, two months after a visit to France by Vice President (now President) Saddam Hussein. The Iraqis already considered France as a possible source of nuclear technology that could be adapted to military ends, and immediately requested supply of a Gas-Graphite 6 reactor--a type of which a few had been erected in France, and these were producing, in addition to electricity, plutonium for France's own military nuclear programme. The French replied that the relevant department in the Framatome corporation had been disbanded and could no longer supply this particular reactor, however the Iraqis could purchase an 'Osiris' reactor (the largest of its kind in the world) and a PWR (low enrichment/non-heavy water) reactor, for the production of which Framatome had acquired a license from Westinghouse in the United States. It is known that the Iraqis were already inquiring about the plutonium production capacity of the reactor, though no contract has as yet been signed with that in mind. Iraq agreed to purchase an Osiris reactor in 1975, and the Technicatome company prepared the necessary blueprints. The contract for erection of an Osiris in Iraq was signed on August 26, 1976. In the light of public criticism of the French government over the supply of a reactor that contains 12 kilos of enriched uranium, the French refused to admit that the agreement had been signed. It was only in March 1977 that Industry Minister D'Ornano did admit the fact.

Erection began late in 1976, the project being at first named 'Osirak' and later Tammuz 17. It comprised a large Osiris research reactor, now named 'Tammuz 1', and a smaller Isis reactor, named 'Tammuz 2', both located in the same building--the completion date to be mid-1981, this despite the demolition of the core of Tammuz 1 in the plant where it was made in southern France.

The first shipment of nuclear fuel--12 kilos of 93% enriched uranium--was already dispatched from France in June 1980, in order to load Tammuz 2 shortly thereafter. However, because of the Iraq-Iran war, the fuel was removed from Tammuz 2 and stored in the water channels of the reactor.

Under the conditions of the agreement, between 150 and 200 Iraqi scientists, engineers and Technicians have been trained in France to serve as operators or researchers in the project. Until recently, there has also been a large French team in Iraq both to install the reactors and to assist the Iraqis in the operation.

In addition to Tammuz 17, which is nearing completion, the Iraqis are receiving from France considerable knowhow in various aspects of nuclear physics, and there are ongoing discussions (in various stages) on the erection of a nuclear power station, a plant to extract uranium as a by-product from phosphates and an enrichment plant (the French have offered a chemical system to Iraq).

The bilateral agreement with Italy, Iraq's second most important supplier of nuclear technology, was signed on June 15, 1976, in Baghdad. This agreement provides for cooperation in a wide range of subjects, including nuclear fuel cycles and plutonium separation. The first implemented stage was erection of a radiochemistry lab for separation of irradiated fuelstuff which was completed in 1978. In parallel, Italian scientist arrived in Irak to instruct the Iraqis in nuclear fuel cycling, and 10 Iraqi scientists were sent in 1977 to Italy for advanced study in this field.

On February 8, 1978, an agreement was signed between Iraq and C.N.E.N. and the Italian companies Snia Techint and A.M.N. for the erection of the July 30 Project, which is a complex of facilities for handling nuclear fuel. Erection began in mid-1977, to be completed in late 1980. This project, together with Tammuz 17, provides Iraq with a military option. The Italians are apparently aware of the Iraqi intention to set up a plutonium cycle, although the chemical research in-

stallation has always been presented as a teaching tool; however, the Iraqis insisted throughout the negotiations that this installation should be as similar as possible to that required for plutonium separation. In fact, the Italians themselves, during 1978, offered a filtering system which would suit an industrial-sized plutonium separation operation. The Iraqis also requested that the equipment for producing nuclear fuel should include a production line for natural metallic uranium which is particularly suited for irradiation in the reactor to produce plutonium, and a line for MTR fuel which is the type used in Tammuz 1.

In parallel with those being trained in France, some 150 Iraqi scientists, engineers and technicians have been undergoing, since 1979, training in Italy in nuclear fuel production and cycling, metallurgy of nuclear materials and advanced metal handling technologies.

Negotiations are underway between Italy and Iraq for the supply of a Cirene type power reactor, fueled by natural uranium/heavy water—a transaction that will cost Iraq upwards of \$500 million—which will enhance Iraqi plutonium production capability to industrial level. The possibility has also been mentioned that the Italians will supply a plant for production of heavy water as a by-product of fertilizer production.

On January 8, 1980, a nuclear cooperation agreement was signed with Brazil. The Iraqis attach great importance to this agreement because they expect Brazil to have the technology for enrichment of uranium which is being supplied by West Germany. As far as is known, in addition to a clause relating to consultations on reactor technology, the agreement includes provision for assistance to the Iraqis in extraction of uranium, supply of natural uranium and low-level enriched uranium to Iraq. In this context, the Iraqis have recently begun to stockpile uranium; they acquired 10 tons from Italy, 120 tons from Portugal and 200 tons from Nigeria, and have expressed an interest in acquiring natural uranium from Morocco when that country begins production.

In the last year there have been advanced discussions with Pakistan, the results of which are not yet known. It is clear, however, that any community of interest between Pakistan and Iraq in nuclear technology is likely to be in the sensitive fields of uranium enrichment, plutonium separation and possibly even in the exchange of knowhow in nuclear weaponry. It is also to be assumed that the two countries are coordinating their positions with regard evasion of supervision by the IAEA.

Since the end of 1979, the Iraqis have been negotiating and are about to sign an agreement with Belgatom, under which the Belgian company will recondition the research reactor supplied to Iraq by the Soviet Union, will add radiation facilities to that reactor and will erect a structure to store reactor waste. The Belgian company may also carry out surveys for the erection of a nuclear power plant and advise the Iraqis on the production of radioisotopes. It is suspected that this arrangement may extend to the separation of plutonium, in which case the Iraqis will have access to a technology far in advance of that presently available from Italy.

Western intelligence sources have reported in the last two years that Iraqi agents are trying to purchase uranium, including enriched uranium, on the black market, and that to this end they are dealing with weapons traders and other 'doubtful sources' in the third world, and are attempting to procure military-quality material ready-made from one of the Great Powers.

NEXT MONTH, THE CONCLUSION OF A SPECIAL REPORT ON 'THE IRAQI REACTOR'

Editorial



KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

By Don McEvoy

SEEDS OF UNDERSTANDING

The earth was splitting in two. Every morning the townspeople noticed that the crack which ran down the center of their village was a bit wider than on the day before. It had first appeared as a tiny jagged line in the parched earth, but was now growing into a broad chasm which no one could cross. Day by day the gulf between the two groups of people grew more immense. No one dared even imagine what would happen when their world was completely split apart.

An urgent message was dispatched to Paul Bunyon and his great Blue Ox Babe. Come save us, was the cry. Use the might of your strong arms and the strength of your back to pull our world back together. It was of no avail. Despite the awesome power of both man and beast, the gulf of separation could not be repaired. The ugly chasm became deeper and broader.

Next a call went out to John Henry, the steel-driving man. Perhaps with sledge hammer and spikes he could arrest the inexorable trend. But try as he might, the huge metal stakes and the maze of steel girders were ripped from the moving earth almost as soon as they were set in place.

The situation seemed hopeless. The gaping canyon grew wider and the people were in despair. Their world would always be rent asunder,

some began to say. In time others began to refer to the gulf of separation as a blessing, even a symbol of the natural order of life. Those on each side began to think of themselves as superior to the others. Each developed their own customs and traditions and considered those who thought or acted otherwise as alien and a lesser breed. Friendly cries across the fissure were replaced by shouted insults and thrown debris.

Then one lucky day a strange little man called Johnny Appleseed happened along that way. As he walked beside the huge ravine he cast tiny seeds against its walls. It didn't happen overnight, but in time those seeds took root and began to grow. The tiny fingers of new life reached out across the void and burrowed themselves into the soil of the other side. Little by little those slender roots became a bridge. The quiet miracle of healing was underway. The gap began to close itself. And at last the earth was whole again.

So it is and shall always be. What cannot be accomplished by might and power, can be made reality by those who quietly sow seeds of understanding, empathy, concern, and love.

(Don McEvoy is Senior Vice President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The opinions expressed are his own.)

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Two Reform Rabbis of Atlanta: David Marx & Jacob M. Rothchild

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1911-1973

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Jacob M. Rothschild, rabbi, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on 4 August 1911, died in Atlanta, Georgia, on 31 December 1973. Married Janice Oettinger of Atlanta on December 31, 1946. Two children, daughter Marcia and son William. Attended University of Pittsburgh one year, graduated from University of Cincinnati in 1932 and from Hebrew Union College in 1936. Recipient of doctor of divinity degree, honoris causa, Hebrew Union College in 1960. Jewish. Rabbi of The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, (The Temple) in Atlanta, 1946-1973.

Jacob Rothschild grew up in Pittsburgh in a family strongly devoted to the tenets of Reform Judaism. Following graduation from high school at age fifteen, he decided to enter the rabbinate. Ordained in 1936, he accepted a position that year at Temple Emanuel in Davenport, Iowa. From 1937-42 he served as assistant rabbi at Congregation Rodef Shalom, where he had been confirmed in 1926. In Pittsburgh Rothschild was a founding member of that city's chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1941, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he resolved to become a military chaplain. He served with the American Division in the South Pacific from 1942-1946. It is believed that Rothschild was first Jewish chaplain to minister to a combat unit in World War II.

In April 1946 Rothschild returned to Pittsburgh. That month he was offered the position of rabbi at The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation (The Temple), Atlanta's oldest Jewish house of worship. He arrived in Atlanta on 2 July 1946 and retained his position at The Temple until his death.

Rabbi Rothschild was very interested in promoting inter-faith dialogue. In 1947 at the Temple he established The Institute for the Christian Clergy. At the Institute, which was held annually, non-Jewish clergymen participated in a seminar on some aspect of Jewish life or thought. Because of his efforts to promote inter-faith dialogues in 1963 Rothschild won the Herman Turner Clergyman of the Year Award sponsored by the Atlanta chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Rothschild was also very active in Atlanta and national Jewish organizations. Unlike David Marx, his predecessor at The Temple, he was an avid supporter of the republic of Israel. In 1950 he served as president of the Gate City B'nai B'rith Lodge and as co-chairman of the Atlanta Jewish Welfare Federation Campaign. From 1954-1957 he was president of the Atlanta Federation of Jewish Social Services and for many years he was on the executive board of the Southeastern Regional Advisory Committee of the Anti-Defamation League. On the national level he was an overseer of the Alumni Board of the Hebrew Union College and was on the board of trustees of the Union

of American Hebrew Congregations and of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He was elected treasurer of the last of these organizations.

Rothschild was best known as a civil rights activist. Despite the initial unease of some of his congregants, he boldly spoke out on political matters and strongly denounced segregation. In 1948 he warned that unless "decent people" worked for justice for all, "the South faces a return to the most primitive kind of bigotry and race hatred." Rothschild's congregation was the first synagogue in Georgia to invite blacks to attend integrated social affairs and participate at meals in a Jewish house of worship. A founding member of the Atlanta Community Relations Committee, Rothschild publicly supported the Brown v. Topeka Supreme Court decision outlawing segregated schools. In 1954 he urged all members of The Temple to vote against a proposed state constitutional amendment to prevent integration of the schools. As opposition to the Brown v. Topeka decision grew in Georgia, Rothschild declared that "there is a macabre and disquieting parallel between the South today and a totalitarian state." In 1958 he signed a statement drawn up by several Atlanta clergymen calling for public support for integration.

Rothschild's outspoken defense of Negro rights made him anathema to many segregationists. Several times he and his wife were harassed by obscene phone calls from individuals who dis-

agreed with him about civil rights. On 12 October 1958 The Temple was bombed. No one was in the synagogue at the time of the dynamiting, but The Temple sustained more than \$100,000 worth of damages. The incident inspired Ralph McGill to write a column, "A Church, A School" for the *Atlanta Constitution*; the column was largely responsible for McGill's winning the Pulitzer Prize in 1959. Five men were arrested for the bombing, but none was convicted of the deed. The bombing, however, did cause some Georgians who had been silent on the subject of integration to demand an end to violence and to racial and religious bigotry.

After 1958 Rabbi Rothschild continued to champion the goals of the civil rights movement. A friend of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., he was outraged to learn in 1964, when King won the Nobel Peace Prize, that Atlantans planned no public celebration to honor the Negro leader. Rothschild and his wife, Janice, successfully spearheaded efforts to stage a dinner for King. When King returned from the Nobel ceremonies in Sweden Rothschild served as chairman of the dinner in King's honor which was attended by several hundred Georgians. Because of Rothschild's friendship for King he was selected in 1968 by Atlanta area clergymen to deliver the major address at a special service held in memory of the slain civil rights leader. At this service Rothschild declared that although King the dreamer had been murdered, his dream of hope and dignity for all could never be killed. Rothschild later lent his support to efforts to develop the Martin Luther King Center for Social Change.

During the last years of his life Rabbi Rothschild was widely honored for his work in behalf of human rights. He was named to the board of trustees of the At-

lanta United Appeal, the board of trustees of Ogelthorpe College and to various committees of the Southern Regional Council. He won a number of local, regional and national awards for his civil rights activities. After several months of failing health Rothschild died of a heart attack at Crawford Long Hospital on 31 December 1973. He was buried at Crestlawn Cemetery in Atlanta on 2 January 1974.

Like his predecessor, Rabbi David Marx, who was active in the Commission on Interracial Cooperation (CIC), and Rebecca Gershon, a member of his congregation, the CIC, and the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, Jacob Rothschild will best be remembered for his work in promoting better race relations and for representing the Atlanta Jewish community at inter-faith gatherings. One of only a handful of Southern rabbis willing to denounce segregation publicly, Rothschild refused to be intimidated either by conservative congregants or hostile neighbors. More than any other Georgia Jewish clergymen in the 1950s and 1960s he personified the Southern liberal trying to prepare his region to accept integration as inevitable and desirable. Major sources of information on Rothschild are Janice Rothschild, *As But A Day*. Atlanta, 1967; Arnold Shankman, "A Temple Is

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Thoughts expressed by Sydney J. Harris at the recent Hickory Humanities Seminar at Wildacres included these: that everything we have of realism today is the result of someone's idealism; that the government of the United States is the only government that was ever invented. . . most people said it could not be done. . . It was never fully achieved, but we are on the path, and no ideal is ever totally achieved.

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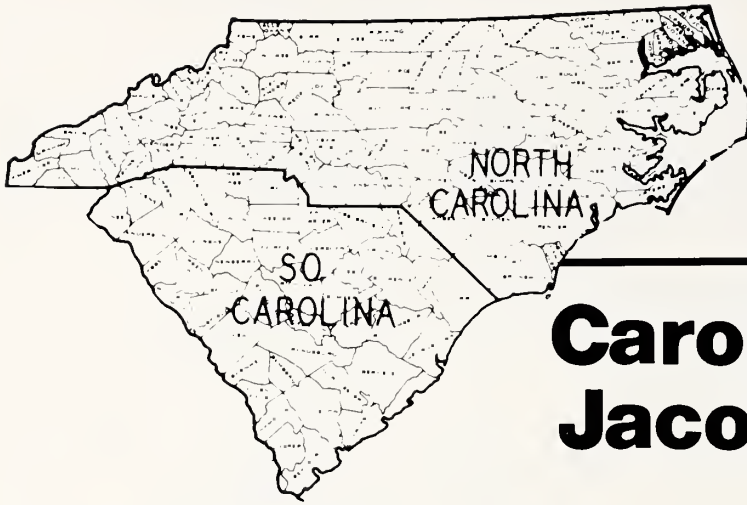
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Carolina Character: Jacob Henry

Jews did not have equal political rights in any of the thirteen colonies. After the American Revolution, New York became the first state to eliminate religious tests for voting and officeholding. In the South, Virginia in 1785 and South Carolina and Georgia before the end of the eighteenth century followed suit. It is noteworthy that the two southern colonies with the fewest Jews in that century, Maryland and North Carolina, were the last to allow them full participation in government.

North Carolina's Constitution of 1776 denied public office to individuals unable to affirm the "truth of the Protestant religion" or the "divine" authority of the New Testament.

In North Carolina a Jew, Jacob Henry, served one term in the House of Commons, but after he was reelected in 1808, his right to retain his seat was challenged, based on the provisions of the State Constitution. Of course, no professing Jew could comply. He was able to prevent his seat's being declared vacant after delivering the following speech, which persuaded the legislators to reject the resolution that sought to deny his being seated. This speech has been reprinted frequently since he delivered it in the House of Commons on December 5, 1809...

"I certainly, Mr. Speaker, know not the design of the Declaration of Rights made by the people of this State in the year 1776, if it was not to consecrate certain great and fundamental rights and principles which even the Constitution cannot impair; for the 44th section of the latter instrument declares that the Declaration of Rights ought never to be violated, on any pretence whatever; if there is any apparent difference between the two instruments, they ought, if possible, to be reconciled; but if there is a final repugnance between them, the Declaration of Rights must be considered paramount; for I believe it is to the Constitution as the Constitution is to law; it controls and directs it absolutely and conclusively. If, then, a belief in the Protestant religion is required by the Constitution to qualify a man for a seat in this house, and such qualification is dispensed with by the Declaration of Rights, the provision of the Constitution must be altogether inoperative; as the language of the Bill of Rights is, "that all men have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences." It is undoubtedly a natural right, and when it is declared to be an inalienable one by the people in their sovereign and original capacity, any attempt to alienate

either by the Constitution or by law must be vain and fruitless.

"It is difficult to conceive how such a provision crept into the Constitution, unless it is from the difficulty the human mind feels in suddenly emancipating itself from fetters by which it has long been enchained, and how adverse it is to the feelings and manners of the people of the present day every gentleman may satisfy himself by glancing at the religious belief of the persons who fill the offices in this State: there are Presbyterians, Lutherans, Calvinists, Mennonists, Baptists, Trinitarians, and Unitarians. But, as far as my observation extends, there are fewer Protestants, in the strict sense of word used by the Constitution, than of any other persuasion; for I suppose that they meant by it, the Protestant religion as established by the law in England. For other persuasions we see houses of worship in almost every part of the State, but very few of the Protestant; so few, that indeed I fear that the people of this State would for some time remain unrepresented in this House, if that Clause of the Constitution is supposed to be in force. So far from believing in the Thirty-nine Articles, I will venture to assert that a majority of the people never have read them.

"If a man should hold religious principles incompatible with the

freedom and safety of the State, I do not hesitate to pronounce that he should be excluded from the public councils of the same; and I trust if I know myself, no one could be more ready to aid and assist than myself. But I should really be at a loss to specify any known religious principles which are thus dangerous. It is surely a question between a man and his Maker and requires more than human attributes to pronounce which of the numerous sects prevailing in the world is most acceptable to the Deity. If a man fulfills the duties of that religion which his education or his conscience has pointed to him as the true one, no person, I hold, in this our land of liberty, has a right to arraign him at the bar of any inquisition; and the day, I trust, has long passed when principles merely speculative were propagated by force; when the sincere and pious were made victims and the right-minded bribed into hypocrites.

"The purest homage man could render to the Almighty was the sacrifice of his passions and the performance of his duties, that the ruler of the universe would receive with equal benignity the various offerings of man's adoration, if they proceeded from the heart. Governments only concern the actions and conduct of man and not his speculative notions. Who among us feels himself so exalted above his fellows as to have a right to dictate to them any mode of belief? Will you bind the conscience in chains and fasten conviction upon the mind, in spite of the conclusions of reason? Are you prepared to plunge at once from the sublime heights of moral legislation into the dark and gloomy caverns of superstitious ignorance? Will you drive from your shores and from the shelter of your constitution all who do not lay their oblations on the same altar, observe the same

ritual, and subscribe to the same dogmas? If so, which, among the various sects into which we are divided, shall be the favored one?

"I should insult the understanding of his House to suppose it possible that they could ever assent to such absurdities, for all know that persecution in all its shapes and modifications is contrary to the genius of our government and the spirit of our laws, and that it can never produce any effect than to render men hypocrites or martyrs. North is more easily demonstrated than that the conduct alone is the subject of human laws, and that man ought to suffer civil disqualification for what he does, and not for what he thinks . . .

"The religion I profess inculcates every duty which man owes to his fellow man; it enjoins upon its votaries the practice of every virtue and the detestation of every vice; it teaches them to hope for the favor of heaven exactly in proportion as their lives have been directed by just, honorable, and beneficent maxims. This, then, gentlemen, is my creed, it was impressed upon my infant mind; it has been the director of my youth, the monitor of my manhood, and will, I trust, be the consolation of my old age. At any rate, Mr. Speaker, I am sure that you cannot see anything in this Religion to deprive me of my seat in this house. So far as relates to my life and conduct, the

examination of these I submit with cheerfulness to your candid and liberal construction. What may be the religion of him who made this objection against me, or whether he has any religion or not I am unable to say. I have never considered it my duty to pry into the belief of other members of this house. If their actions are upright and conduct just, the rest is for their own consideration, not for mine. I do not seek to make converts to my faith, whatever it may be esteemed in the eyes of my officious friend, nor do I exclude anyone from my esteem or friendship, because he and I differ in that respect. The same charity, therefore, it is not unreasonable to expect, will be extended to myself, because in all things that relate to the State and to the duties of civil life, I am bound by the same obligation with my fellow-citizens, nor does any man subscribe more sincerely than myself to the maxim, "whatever ye would that men should do unto you do ye so even unto them, for such is the law and the prophets."

Sadly, we do not have much information about the family of Jacob Henry, his life, and his descendants. We hope some scholar will be able to submit further information about this unique man in the history of North Carolina.

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SOUTHERN BRANCH WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

by Florence Lurey

At the 22nd annual Conference of Southern Branch of WOMEN'S LEAGUE for CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM held in Charleston, S. C. recently, the Phyllis Grusin Weinstein award was presented to Fran Silver, of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The award reads, in part, "To a Distinguished and Devoted leader for her dedicated service to WOMEN'S LEAGUE for CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM."

Frances Levine Silver was born in Boston, Mass. She attended Boston University and later the University of Tenn. Her early formal Jewish education was received from Boston's Talmud Torah and through the loving influence of her family continued her study until this very day. She married Ernest Silver in June, 1954. Her daughter, Carolyn, was born in Oak Ridge, Tenn. in 1957.

Upon moving to Oak Ridge, Fran immediately became involved in a remedial education program for illiterate blacks brought to Oak Ridge during World War II as laborers and domestics from all over the South, and left segregated from the general community in a suburb called Scarboro. She assisted in the establishment of the Scarboro Day Care Center and served as Chairman of the Board.

She was active in the Civil Rights Movement of the fifties and sixties through local and State Human Relations Councils and served as an officer in both. The efforts of such dedication made the Oak Ridge school system to be the first to adopt policies of integration of the races in the classrooms and to completely separate church and state by eliminating prayer and religious exercises in the schools.

Fran's first major contribution to Branch Conference, in 1963 in Mobile, Ala. was an original skit on social action, called "The Masks We Wear". This won a WOMEN'S LEAGUE script award and is now distributed by National.

Other community activities include League of Women Voters (Voter Service Chairman), United Nations Association (UN Day Chairman); CARE Standards Day Chairman, (State of Tenn.); the Civil Music Association (Finance and Membership Chairman); and has just been elected to the Arts Council of Oak Ridge. She has won recognition from both League of Women Voters and UN Association for leading successful fund drives.

Fran did not neglect her local Jewish community. She and Ernest were involved in the efforts to build the Congregation in membership, in meaningful programs and in improvements to the buildings. As Congregation Vice President, she spearheaded the most recent fund drive for the construction of the new social hall and new kitchens. Fran is the current President of the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge.

Throughout the years she has taught in the Hebrew and Sunday Schools as needed. She supports all local Jewish programs, is a member of Hadassah, of National Council of Jewish Women, having been Vice President of both. She is a member of the Cabinet of the UJA Women's Division. Her longest continuing and most dedicated commitment is to Sisterhood. She has chaired most activities and held all offices in her 27 years of membership. She is an accredited discussion leader.

The Phyllis Grusin Weinstein award was established in 1975 in honor of Phyllis Grusin Weinstein, of Birmingham, Ala., founder, first president and continuing leader of

the Southern Branch. It is presented bi-annually to an individual for outstanding and continuing service to Judaism.

Mrs. Myra Hoffman, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., is president of Southern Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS CHARLOTTE, N. C.

by Estelle Hoffman

Confirmation Services were held on Friday evening, June 5. Confirmants were Mindy Asrael, Sheryl Bodner, Cheryl Jankowitz, Debra Krieger, Gary Lerner, Avi Rocklin, Hallie Schefflin, Jeffrey Shapiro, Rodney Somerstein, and David Weiner. The Oneg Shabbat was sponsored by parents of the Confirmants.

On Sunday, June 7, the Men's Club of Temple Israel held a family picnic from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Park Road Park in Charlotte. There were soft ball games between Moms and Dads, games for mothers and daughters, for fathers and sons, Drag Races, with prizes for winners. Everyone enjoyed this annual event beside the lake in the Park.

Sisterhood held its evening celebration June 13 in culmination of its year-long Bonderama. There were fourteen final winners, whose names will be printed in this column next month, and everyone enjoyed the evening with dancing and food.

Couples Club of Temple Israel met in the I.D. Blumenthal Hall of the Temple for an evening of fun on Saturday, June 20, which included games, square dancing led by Nelson Painter, Caller of Carolina Swingers and "Encounters of

the Third Kind." Refreshments were served at this "Funerama," pronounced as if it were spelled with two "N's" not as in "Funeral." Thanks to Larry and Lee Levy for the well planned season of events.

The final film of the Adult Education Film Series of this year was "Laughter Through Tears," based on another Sholom Aleichem story, "Mottele Peyse, The Cantor's Son," with Yiddish dialogue and narration, with English subtitles.

It is fortunate that Barbara Guller is going to direct the production of a play at Temple Israel early in December. Rehearsals will be held in September, October, and November. She has produced excellent drama in Charlotte, and working with her presents a great opportunity for those interested in drama or its production. Phone the Temple office for particular information.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH

The big news from Raleigh this summer is that for the fourth consecutive year, there may be a series of seminars, Raleigh Summer Forum, sponsored by the three Jewish religious institutions. George Conroy is chairman, and on his committee are representatives from Temple Beth Or, Beth Mayer Synagogue, and the Orthodox synagogue, Sha'arei Israel. The other news is that Beth Meyer Synagogue had a groundbreaking for a new building. Beth Meyer's Rabbi is Rabbi Abe Schoen.

LUBAVITCH CALLS FOR CHILDRENS UNITY

by Rabbi Yossy Groner

A special worldwide project for Jewish children was launched by the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlitch, which calls for a sefer Torah (Torah scroll) to be written in Jerusalem, Israel, through the participation of Jewish children under the age of Bar or Bat Mitzva, by purchasing one letter for one dollar.

The campaign is part of an effort to unite all Jewish children all over the world. The Rebbe explained that with so many illogical

things happening in the world it is imperative that we fortify ourselves with spiritual fortification, which comes through unity. When children who are so pure and innocent will unite with something as holy as the Torah, the effect will be tremendous.

We are trying to involve all the communities in North Carolina in this project by distributing brochures and applications to schools and community leaders. The children all over have accepted this project with enthusiasm.

Many of our programs in the state for the children include distribution of festival kits and stories

and songs. The Lubavitch adult education program begins here in Charlotte but extends to many communities all over the state for all age groups.

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If you have already participated, get your friends to do the same.

THE NORTH CAROLINA HEBREW ACADEMY AT CHARLOTTE, INC.

by Rose Massachi

It was recently announced that Paphael Panetz has resigned as Director of the Hebrew Academy. He will be returning to Philadelphia to complete his work on his PHD in Biblical Studies. Ruth Goldberg, who has been a teacher at the Academy in the past, returned to the school as Acting Director for the remainder of the school year. At the present time the school board is working diligently to find a suitable replacement for Mr. Panetz.

Rabbi Krantzler, Rabbi Rocklin, and Mr. George Ackerman have graciously helped with the Torah readings on Monday and Thursday mornings, and have greatly enriched the Tefillah services.

On June 10th, the school held their Graduation, Class Plays, and Science Fair. All families of the

students were invited to attend, and it turned out to be a beautiful day, enjoyed by everyone.

Those in the 6th grade graduating class were Daniel Brenner, Adina Dresner, Julia Dresner, Nancy Polk, and Benjie Schrader. When asked what they think they will miss the most when they leave the Academy they replied:

Daniel Brenner:

"I guess it would have to be being together with so many people and getting the feeling of togetherness. You can work together with anyone in the school and get to know everybody."

Adina and Julia Dresner:

"We will miss the little kids, because we have been with them a lot."

To summarize what Nancy Polk answered, she especially will miss the free feeling she had at the Academy, which she found very comfortable.

Benjie Schrader:

"I'll miss my friends most of all."

Both Daniel Brenner and Benjie Schrader attended the Hebrew Academy for the past seven years. The other three graduates began their Academy education from the 4th grade.

On June 11th, grades Kindergarten thru 6th participated in a school trip by bus to the Schiele Nature Museum in Gastonia, after which they had a picnic lunch and played games in a nearby park. They returned to the Academy, and prepared the school grounds for an overnight campout. They were busy pitching tents, preparing dinner, and organizing the campfire. Parents helped with all aspects of the trip and overnight, and it proved to be a very rewarding experience for everyone. It was a great way to end the school year.

TEMPLE BETH EL CHARLOTTE, N. C.

by Fran Burg

Winding up the spring's fun for Temple Beth El were a Religious School picnic and the last Sisterhood luncheon—each a pleasure for many. Then we had the lovely Bat Mitzvah of Maureen and Elise daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Ron Liss.

The last business of the year was the installation of officers. The Temple Board of Directors will be led by Dr. Mark Perlman, President; Henry Greenberg, Vice President, Membership; Allen Gordon, V.P. Finance; Judy Edleyn, V.P. Education; Bud Rosenbaum, V.P. Building; Lee Diamond, Treasurer; Howard Neumann, Recording Secretary; and Betty Rosenbaum, Financial Secretary. Honorary Lifetime Presidents Herman Blumenthal and Pas Presidents Bud Goldsmith, Saul Edleyn and Bob Conn round out the Executive Committee, and additional Board members will be Alan Blumenthal, Mark Rothman, Sandi Rothman, Sally Schrader, Steve Sutker, Dr. Robert Yudell, Stan Nabow, Iris Friedlander, Bob Rothkopf, Walter Klein, Jeff Hurlburt, David Underwood, Judy Sutker and Sue Applebaum.

Officers of the Sisterhood for 1981-82 are Iris Friedlander, President; Judy Perlman, V.P. Ways and Means; Sue Appelbaum and Estelle Rosen, V.P. Programs; Lee Blumenthal, V.P. Membership; Ethel Gordon, V.P. Special Services; Bobbie Bernstein, Treasurer; Reggie Wittlin, Recording Secretary; Jane Heller, Corresponding Secretary; Jane Diamond, Financial Secretary; and Roberta Goldman, Judy Sutker, Betty Rosenbaum, Merle Prior, Judy Vaughan, Louise Brill, Sally Schrader, Nancy Greenberg, Henrietta Wallace, Janet Lefkowitz, Elizabeth Nabow, and Pat Shapiro.

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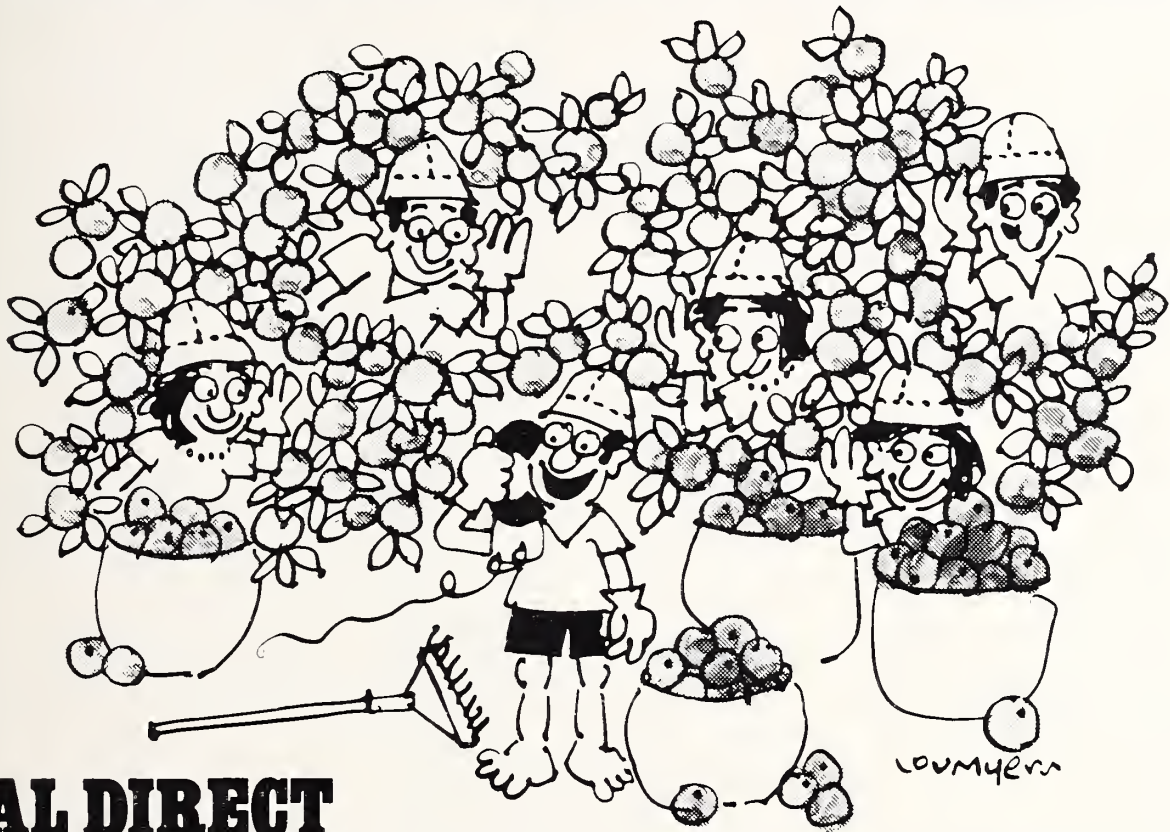
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Robert Zipp, Vice-Presidents; William Livert, Secretary; and William Grifenhagen, Treasurer.

We wish all our new officers the best, and look forward to a worthwhile and exciting year with them at the helm.

Heinz Jaffe of Charlotte has been elected President of the Charlotte Opera Company. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Opera for several years. In 1975, when Heinz and Betty Jaffe were transferred to Charlotte with Homelite's installation, he was interviewed by the Charlotte Observer and was quoted as saying he feared that he would find Charlotte lacking in culture of the arts. It is gratifying that, as a true connoisseur of opera, his contribution to opera in Charlotte has enriched the state of the arts, as well as all of us in this area.

N.C. Association of Jewish Women

by Francine Schauer

The North Carolina Association of Jewish Women is a member organization of the State Council for Social Legislation. The S.C. S.L. is composed of statewide civic, church, professional, and social organizations including American Association of University Women, Church Women United, and North Carolina Day Care Association. Their purpose is to form a network of organizations working together to influence the North Carolina Legislature to support social legislation including expanded library services, provide alternatives to imprisonments, protect older adults in group care, and help to prevent hunger and malnutrition.

This has been a very difficult year for the S.C.S.L. due to lack of funding on Federal, State, and Local levels. On the State level the legislature is not willing to appropriate money because of the uncertainty of Federal funding. A short session is proposed for October to finalize much of the budgeting when more will be known of what will be done on the Federal level.

Among legislation of interest to us in ERA, which has been effectively shelved, but much is being done to keep people aware of the issue. Supporters of ERA have had a march and had candlelight vigils in Raleigh.

Permanency Planning for Foster Care has money appropriated, but no additional funds are available to expand the program. Foster care board rate increase has been reassigned to a new committee and needs vocal support to succeed. Homestead ex-

emption increase and elderly income tax exemption, to assist senior citizens will need support to be finalized. Library funds have been reduced by the Cultural Resources Department before it even reached the Budget Committee.

The Equitable Property Distribution bill has passed the Senate and will be coming up in the House. Bills to adult day care are being worked on. Home care for the aged is being discussed, but funds are necessary before ratification.

It is necessary for all of us to be aware of what is transpiring in the North Carolina Legislature and to let our Congressmen of the state, federal, as well as local level know about our opinions. It is up to us to help influence legislation by voicing our feelings to those who represent us. You can contact the Governors office of Citizen Affairs with respect to legislature issues that you support or oppose by calling toll free 1-800-662-7952.

Rabbi Raisin of Temple KKBE in Charleston and the Catholic Priest of St. Mary's Church across the street enjoyed a friendly relationship. One day the Rabbi, as he left the Temple, saw the Priest struggling to close a wrought iron gate. The Rabbi called across, "Never will I help a priest to propagate."

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Peter Mansfield. **The Middle East: A Political and Economic Survey.** New York: Oxford.

University Press, 1980. 579 pp., 5th ed. \$24.95. Ora Shem-Ur **The Challenges of Israel.** New York: Shengold Publishers, Inc., 1980. 79 pp. \$4.95.

The Middle East is certainly notable for its diversity; such is also the case for the two books under review here. Peter Mansfield, a former Middle East correspondent for the London-based *Sunday Times* and now the BBC's regional expert, has never been known for his friendship to Israel whereas Ora Shem-Ur is a self-proclaimed Israeli "patriot."

The Middle East is as subtitled, a comprehensive political and economic survey of the area in narrative form. It is, indeed, encyclopedic. But readers need only look at the introduction for an excellent entre to the many topical subjects, including an informative section on oil. Nine chapters are each devoted to a separate country more or less (Arabia here refers to the entire peninsula, including the sheikhdoms and other states

besides Saudi Arabia, and Turkey has been excluded in this edition). An interesting attempt to remain objective in treating Israeli politics was to refer to the West Bank and Gaza Strip as "The Occupied and Administered Territories," thus combining both non-Israeli and Israeli geographical references. An appendix of statistical data is also given along with a basic reading list. The book is nothing that you pick up to read for enjoyment, but if you need a solid reference work to supplement a newspaper article or magazine story, this should be among your top choices.

We now turn to *The Challenges of Israel*, a book which is in some sense the subject for perhaps one of those challenges. Ms. Shem-Ur is concerned with an analysis, she says, of "the crucial issues facing Israel." For her, the problem are those dealing with war and peace. She tells the reader that she intends to examine the facts "objectively"; giving her the benefit of the doubt, since English is not her native language, she misuses the word. *The Challenges of Israel* is nothing but a simplistic pot boiler, whose content is matched only by its page count. It is unfortunate that as late as 1980 trees are used for this kind of propaganda. For example, in discussing the Palestinian mandatory

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period, the author refers to the Irgun and Lehi as "underground organizations," admittedly more extremist than the Haganah. One would have hoped that Jews writing for an essentially Jewish audience could be more candid and open without violating any important principle of ethnic solidarity. Israel, it is claimed, needs to hold on to the Occupied Territories to insure that the Arab population not engulf that of the Jews since they populate more and faster than the Israelis. A complementary solution not mentioned would be for Israel to completely ban abortions and birth control. According to Ms. Shem-Uri Israel is faced with a daily question of survival at best and self-preservation at a minimum. Her conclusions are "gloomy," appealing to the emotional fears of her American audience failing to describe Israeli problems—to include the very real threat from her Arab neighbors—in their real complexity.

While this reviewer does not mean to be excessively flipant, I do feel it is time for the American Jewish community to realize and appreciate its social and intellectual maturity. We should at least attempt to accept some of Israel's warts.

Another morsel of Sydney Harris's philosophy, stated on the WSOC Radio interview in Charlotte, is that it is better to be fooled than suspicious, for people who are open to love and trust lead better lives than those who withdraw and live by themselves, and that people generally tend to react to you in the same way you view them.

Tradition in the Kitchen

These are two authentic Russian recipes. Both are submitted by Valentina Wishnevsky, and they are delicious, but use no substitutes!

Vinaigrette - Beet Potato Salad

- 4 boiled beets, peeled
 - 4 medium size boiled potatoes, peeled
 - 2 hard boiled eggs, sliced
 - 3 medium size sour pickles, cut fine
 - 1 medium size onion, cut fine
- Salad oil, mayonnaise, coarsely grated pepper, salt
Dill weed (optional)

Cube beets and potatoes. Mix together with sliced eggs, pickles, and onion. Moisten with oil and a small amount of mayonnaise. Season with pepper, salt, and dill weed.

This is excellent after it is stored in the refrigerator overnight.

APRICOT TORTE

- 1/2 lb. butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tsps. vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolks and cream well. Add flour gradually. Remove about 1 cupful of this dough and place it in freezer. Meanwhile, pat the soft dough onto a shallow pan or cookie sheet, about 10 x 15, or 12" square. Spread apricot jam over dough, just enough to cover. Grate the piece of frozen dough over the layer of jam to cover. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden, at 350°.

"VOH DEN?"—

CARROLL O'CONNOR

Los Angeles (JTA)—More than \$1 million was raised to benefit Chabad House at the West Coast telethon on KHJ-Channel 9. Over a hundred telephones rang non-stop for four hours on the show which was hosted by Jan Murray and Carroll O'Connor. One by one celebrities made their appeals for funds to rebuild the facility located on the University of California-Los Angeles campus, which was destroyed last May by a fire that killed three residents.

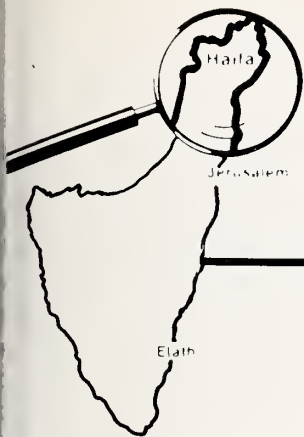
The program got off to a stirring note as Murray asked O'Connor why an Irishman would participate in a program to benefit a Jewish institution. "Voh den?" quipped O'Connor.

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Inside Israel: The Aleph-Bet in ABCs

by Carl Alpert

Haifa—The arguments in favor of writing Hebrew in the Latin A-B-C characters are logical and overwhelmingly convincing to anyone who is open-minded on the subject. Nevertheless nothing has been done to initiate the change perhaps because of two reasons: one, religious objections to tampering with the "holy" alphabet, and two, simple inertia.

As for the first, I must remind the objectors that Hebrew has already gone through at least one change in its history. The script of block letters we know today are not the same as those used in ancient times, as may be perceived from perusal of earlier inscriptions. There is nothing holy about the letters per se, and anything which can help simplify the language and make it more useful to Jews everywhere should be encouraged.

As for the second reason, it is good to report that initiative is now already being taken in Israel to set up a movement systematically to promote the shift. I have long espoused the change and have written on the subject again and again for more than a quarter of a century. Today I find that a Haifa scientist and linguist, Dr. Michael Avinor, has launched a campaign to mobilize support for the gradual introduction of Latin letters in the writing of Hebrew, and to read from left to right.

Interestingly enough, Dr. Avinor came to his conclusions for highly

practical reasons affecting the development of science and technology in Israel. At an early age in their education Israeli youth are confused by the need to write algebraic formulas in Latin characters (from left to right) while their Hebrew script goes in opposite direction. Chemical formulas are also written in the letters of the Western world. All numbers, whether in mathematics, bank statements or basketball scores are also read from left to right, leading to extreme difficulties when any of the latter have to be incorporated into a Hebrew text being printed on a typewriter.

Since it is impossible to transliterate the international expressions of mathematics or chemistry into Hebrew, English is beginning to take over. For example, computer language is in English, Physicians' prescriptions in Israel are all in English. Medicines are labelled in English, all because Hebrew script is inadequate.

Dr. Avinor maintains that shifting from Hebrew into the Roman alphabet will in effect help preserve the language. The letters in which a tongue is expressed are only a medium, and not the language itself.

Modern Hebrew, in its ancient Assyrian Square letters, is extremely difficult to read because of the absence of vowels, causing frequent misunderstanding and confusion of grammar. I have heard even skilled radio and TV announcers stumble over a Hebrew word whose pronunciation is unclear until the entire context has been grasped. Hebrew

scholars have for years sought to grapple with this built-in weakness of Hebrew in its written/printed form.

All these problems would be eliminated by use of the Western alphabet. The change would also make possible differentiation between capital and lower case letters. To be sure, there are some sounds in Hebrew which can not be expressed by the A-B-C alphabet, and for these Avinor has devised a few new letters. His Latin alphabet, adapted for Hebrew, he calls the Karmelitic Script.

Experiments at writing technical papers in the Karmelitic Script

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have been tried on Technion students, with great success. Experimental study groups will be set up. Hopefully, some newspaper in Israel may be courageous enough to conduct a regular corner in the Karmelitic Script. It is recalled that Jabotinsky used to write his Hebrew in Latin letters, and even composed a text-book for the teaching of Hebrew in that form. Almost fifty years ago Ittamar Ben-Avi, son of the father of modern Hebrew, Ben Yehuda, published a weekly Hebrew paper using the Roman alphabet. His pioneer effort failed because of conservatives who always resist change, and again by religious extremists who consider the actual aleph-bet letters to be God-given from Mount Sinai. But if the movement can be given backing, endorsed by influential groups, and then popularized, the Hebrew language will be afforded a great boost and brought more easily within the reach of Jews—and non-Jews—everywhere.

Any reader who would like to help, or receive more information, may write to me directly at Technion City, 32 000 Haifa, Israel.

JEWISH ACHIEVEMENT

Sometimes it must seem to observers of the fields of arts and science that a disproportionately large percentage of noted musicians, other artists, and scientists are Jews.

Although some people believe that Jews have excelled because it has been necessary for them to work harder than others in order to survive, this cannot be accepted as a scientific theory. Professor Henry L. Feingold of the History Department of Baruch College gave his opinion on this subject at the 75th anniversary convention of the American Jewish Committee. He said, "Remarkable Jewish achievement stems from values inherent in Jewish cul-

ture." American Jewry must realize "how strongly rooted in Jewish tradition quality and achievement are, and move from an initial love of excellence to a still deeper attachment to the underlying Jewish culture."

This is a theory which deserves our serious consideration.

On February 22, 1982, the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birth, the government will issue a postage stamp that pays tribute to the oldest existing Jewish house of worship in the United States, the Touro Synagogue of Newport, Rhode Island. In 1758, Newport's Jews hired architect Peter Harrison to draw up plans for Temple Jeshuat Israel. Twenty year old Isaac Touro came from Jamaica to inaugurate the synagogue. He served for 13 years until the War of Independence began, when British troops occupied Newport. The entire Jewish community left for Philadelphia to enlist in Washington's army or wait out the war there. The rabbi, a Dutch subject, returned with his wife and two sons to the West Indies, where his family had lived for five generations. His son Abraham became a leading merchant in the new United States and bequeathed funds to Touro Synagogue. His son Judah endowed a ministry at Jeshuat Israel. In 1946 the government made the Synagogue, now known as Touro Synagogue, a national historical site.

DR. JACOB MARCUS AND AMERICAN JEWRY

Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus, Distinguished Service Professor of American Jewish History at the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, has stated that American Jewry's philanthropic, cultural, economic,

and political achievements made the community "the most distinguished Jewry in all history."

Saying that American Jewry's attainments constitute a "dawn in the West," Dr. Marcus cited the community's philanthropy as one important index of its greatness. During the past year, he said "The Jews of the United States have sent at least \$700 million abroad to help Jews whom they have never seen and never will see. This indicates the strength of Jewish kinship and is, relatively speaking, the greatest philanthropic feat in the history of the world."

He continued to say that "although Jews are but 2.7% of the American population, year after year almost 15% of the Americans who win Nobel prizes in biological sciences are Jewish." Still another indicator of American Jewry's influential position, continued Dr. Marcus, is the fact that "at least 300 colleges in America offer courses in Hebrew and Jewish studies, thus exposing thousands of young Americans to the influence of Hebraic and Judaic culture."

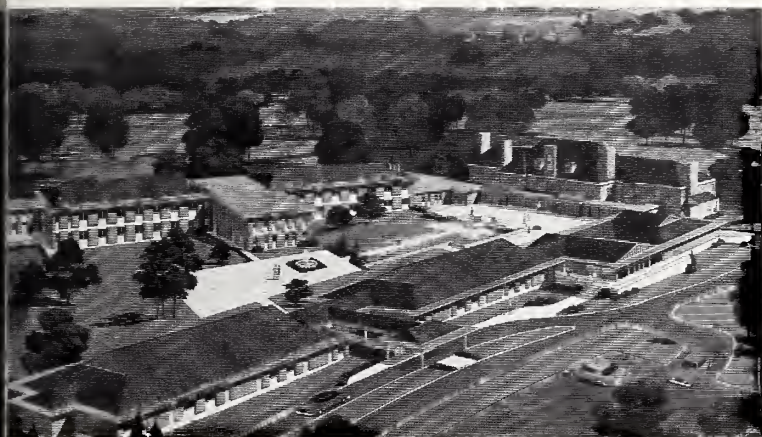
Dr. Marcus, 85 years old, is author of numerous books and articles, holder of several honorary degrees, and received the American Jewish Committee's annual "Akiba Award," citing him as a "distinguished historian and scholarly trailblazer who, through his research, publications, teaching and the creation of The American Jewish Archives, has established American Jewish history as an academic discipline and cast new light on the saga of American Jewry."

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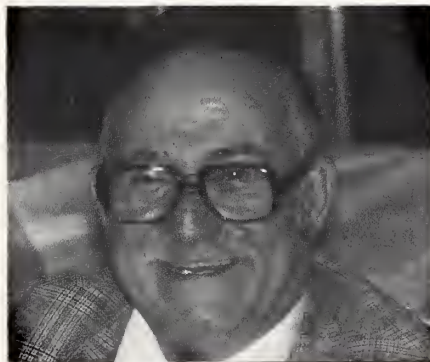
Mr. Levy "Roasted & Toasted" Upon His Retirement

by M. Moore

Elbert E. Levy is a man who truly loves his work. He was the original director of the Blumenthal Jewish Home from before it opened its doors to the first Residents in 1965 until 1979, when he took on the challenge of becoming the Director of Planning and Development for the Home. July 7, 1981 will mark his 65th birthday, and the Home is planning a "Roast and Toast" affair to honor the man who has been such a part of the Home from its early days. The party will be held on July 7, with a cocktail reception at 5:30 and a buffet supper at 6:30, both events to take place in the Home's Garden.

Mr. Levy was born in San Francisco in 1916 and spent most of his youth there. In 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and eventually became a commissioned officer in the Medical Administrative Corps, where he served in a number of executive positions.

While stationed in Abilene, Texas, a fellow officer introduced him to his sister-in-law who was visiting from Chicago. Sparks were struck and within the week he and Fay Gelder were pinned. He went back to California, and she to Chicago.



Elbert E. Levy, Director of Planning & Development.

On another visit they became engaged, then waited out a year while he was stationed at Dibble General Hospital as Commanding

Officer of the Medical Corps detachment. On January 7, 1945 they were married.

One of his first jobs after leaving the army was as a Hospital Analyst and Inspector for the California State Department of Public Health in San Francisco. He was subsequently appointed Medical Administrative Officer at Whipple General Hospital, a V.A. hospital in Arizona. He and Fay later opened their own business in 1949, with a small chain of self service laundries. Eventually they consolidated these to form "Sparkle Laundry" and drycleaning, the first fast-service, drive-in power laundry and drycleaners in the Chicago area.

Together, they ran the plant for almost twelve years. Concurrently, in 1960, he also worked full-time as an Administrative Executive for the Illinois Department of Public Health, a position which required a

150 mile per day commute to Springfield. In 1961, he decided to devote all of his attention to his first (professional) love, the health field, taking a position as Associate Director of the BMZ Orthodox Jewish Home for the Aged in Chicago, where he assisted in their expansion development. After serving there for four years, he accepted the Executive Director's position at a new Jewish Home being built in North Carolina. In February, 1965, he moved down to Clemmons, leaving Fay and their four children to close things up and join him in June.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home was a very different operation at the beginning than it is today. The beautiful stone mansion which had been built in 1928 by the R.E. Lasater family was the basis for the Home. Construction had started to build what is now A-Wing, and to restructure the dining room and pantries in the mansion into what are now the Administrative offices. Therefore, the staff of five, including Mr. Levy, Fay as a volunteer bookkeeper, Mr. Lutz as Maintenance Director (formerly the groundskeeper for the Lasaters), a secretary and Gladys Holcomb, who is still the Director of Nursing all worked out of the nearby gardener/caretaker's cottage. The Home opened its doors on October 20, 1965, admitting four Residents the first day.



The mansion before the construction of A Wing.

"Activate, don't vegetate" was the early motto for the Residents at the Home. Since that time, Mr. Levy has been involved in the construc-

tion of an additional three story wing with clinics, recreation and service areas which was begun in 1973. One of his concerns in the planning of the new wings was to get input from the Residents and staff who would be working there as to features which they felt were important and ought to be included. The Madolyn Blumenthal Garden was constructed during his directorship. He was



October, 1974 shows the shell of B1 & B2.

responsible for bringing the Grand Builders Fund Raising Campaign which, when completed will have raised over \$1 Million for the Home to develop a building fund, to its ultimate conclusion. He was actively involved in various stages of the campaign.

Mr. Levy has been involved in many organizations in the health field. Some of these honors include being Regional Vice President of the American Academy of Medical Administrators, Past President of the N.C. Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging, Fellow of the American College of Nursing Home Administrators, Past Director of the National Association of Jewish Homes for the Aged, and a member of the Gerontological Society. He has served on many special committees such as the Steering Committee of the Governors Conference on the Quality of Life of our Senior Citizens in 1977, the State Task Force and a delegate to the White House Conference for Aging in 1971 and 1981 respectively, and the Department of Human Resources Special Long Term Care Task Force of N.C. Health

Coordinating Council from 1977-1978. He has listed in such publications as *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, *Personalities of the South*, *Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans*, and the *Directory of International Biographies*. He has many outside interests including active membership in the Kiwanis, Boy Scouts of America as a committeeman and as Scout Master and Assistant Camp Director, a number of military organizations and the Masonic Order, where he founded the Order of Travellers.

North Carolina and the Home have been good to the Levys. Their four sons have done very well for themselves. The eldest is a physician and medical examiner for Nash County, another graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and is presently serving in the regular Navy as a Lieutenant Commander. A third son is now completing his PhD in pharmaceutical research while working towards a law degree. The youngest son is a graduate of Western Carolina University and is pursuing a business career in Winston-Salem.

On July 7 his many past and present acquaintances will gather to pay homage to a man whose varied experiences, thorough manner of dealing with problems and, above all, his genuine love for his field and work have made him an integral and invaluable part of the Home.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY

JULY 5—Winston-Salem Symphony presents "Music at Sunset"—"The Good Old Days". Leave the Home at 6:00 pm for Graylyn Estate.

JULY 9—7:00 pm in the Living Room. Brenner Lecture/Discussion Series: "The Future—What It Could Be and What It Should Be". Two views of the American

in 1977 Jewish community in the year
in 200, as seen by a pessimist and
who in a realistic optimist.

JULY 10—Residents leave for a
tour of the Schlitz Brewery at
2:30 pm.

JULY 14—10:00 am. Residents
have for meeting/lunch with
Clemmons Senior Citizens group.

JULY 16—5:00 pm. B2 picnic.

JULY 19—2:30 pm. The BRENNER
CONCERT SERIES features the
Clemmons Chapter of the
Society for the Preservation and
Encouragement of Barber Shop
Quartet Singing in America. This
group of vocalists will perform
in the auditorium.

JULY 22—Residents leave for
Winston-Salem Red Sox game,
2:30 pm.

JULY 23—12:00 noon. B1 picnic.

JULY 24—Residents leave at 2:00
pm for a tour of Old Salem.

JULY 29—Birthday parties on
each Unit.

Families and friends are invited
to join us for these special events.

Focus ON A RESIDENT

PERCY JOHNSON

by Allison Spransy

"He keeps me going. First thing
in the morning, he gives me my
hug. Then, I can make it 'til dinner
time. At dinner, he gives me an-
other hug, and I can make it the
rest of the day." Thus, Nurse's
aide, Trudy Speer, described
Percy Johnson, Resident on B-2.
Obviously, the feelings of the
nursing staff toward Mr. Johnson
which Trudy expressed are just
one-half of a mutual admiration
society. When asked what he most
enjoyed about living at Blumen-
thal Jewish Home, Mr. Johnson
replied without hesitation, "The
nurses—they're the best any-
where!"

A native of Winston-Salem, Mr.
Johnson grew up in the family

home on Broad Street. He went to
work at R. J. Reynolds Tobacco
Company in the Payroll Depart-
ment. Forty-two years later when
he retired, Mr. Johnson was still
in the same Payroll Department.

In the two years that he has
lived at BJH, Mr. Johnson has be-
come known and loved through-
out the home. His dapper ward-
robe earned him the title "Most
Watchable Man". He is always



Percy Johnson

properly attired for the occasion,
and dresses for dinner each eve-
ning. This, combined with his gen-
tlemanly manners and warm per-
sonality, led to Mr. Johnson's se-
lection as 1979 "Valentine King".

First and foremost in import-
ance to Mr. Johnson, is his family.
He is justifiably proud that he has
been blessed with four children,
ten grandchildren, and four great-
grandsons! Both sons have had
careers in the trucking industry.
Pete, a resident of Winston-Salem,
is a retired Vice-President of
Roadway. LeGrand, who lives in
Jacksonville, Florida, is Executive
Vice-President of Ryder Trucking.
Mr. Johnson also is the father of
twin daughters. Margaret Bryan is
branch manager of a savings and
loan in Burlington, N. C. Memory
McBride, who lives in Winston-
Salem, is a homemaker. When
they are not visiting in person, Mr.
Johnson visits frequently by tele-
phone with his family.

Religion is also an important
part of Mr. Johnson's life. A life-
long member of Reynolda Presby-
terian Church, he is a Trustee and
Elder-Emeritus of his church. One
of the highlights of Mr. Johnson's

week is the Friendship Circle on
B-2, conducted each Tuesday by
The Rev. George Spransy of Clem-
mons Presbyterian Church for the
Christian residents.

Mr. Johnson is one of the many
BJH residents who has found here
a new "family". In the process,
his presence has enriched the
lives of those others who are also
a part of the BJH family.

Please Tell Me

by Grace Chaplin
Admissions Coordinator

Q. Does the Home provide tele-
visions?

A. There are two televisions on
each unit in the lounge areas.
Residents must provide their own
televisions for their rooms. An
antenna hook-up is provided for
each room. Unfortunately, Cable
services have not yet been ex-
tended to Clemmons.

Q. Do the Residents have any say
in decisions made in the Home re-
garding care, activities or govern-
ing policies?

A. We have a Residents' Council
and an Improvement Committee,
both of which meet once a month.
Residents' Council is open to all
residents of the Home, and pro-
vides a forum for complaints, dis-
cussion, and an opportunity to
question staff about policies or
complaints Residents might have.
In addition, each Unit has a Com-
munity Meeting at least once a
month. At this time suggestions
for improvements on the unit,
complaints, and possible activities
are discussed. The results of
these meetings are brought before
the Administration, which re-
sponds as quickly and efficiently
as possible. Residents really do
have a "say" in what goes on.

Q. I am contemplating admission
to the Home. I have visited the
Home many times in the past. Is it

necessary for me to visit the Home again when I know so much about it?

A. Yes. We want you to see the Home through the eyes of a potential Resident, not as a visitor. It gives you a chance to talk with our staff and our staff has the chance to talk with you. We want all applicants to know what to expect and we want them to be aware of all the alternatives open to them so that they can make an intelligent decision.

The Administration & Residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home want to extend a warm welcome to these new employees:

JANET BERRY
Housekeeping Department
JEAN MOORE
RN Charge Nurse, B2
MARLENE NEWELL
RN Charge Nurse, B1
JONATHAN FRANK
Dietary Aide
JOANNA TUCKER
Dietary Aide

A Wing Picnic

On May 28, 23 residents from A Wing loaded up the Cadillac, van and "yellow banana" for their annual picnic at Tanglewood Park. Food provided by the Dietary Department was cooked on the open grills, and everyone had a thoroughly fine time eating outdoors in such a beautiful spot.



Some of the partiers—front row: Eva Hirst & Pauline Bobrow; back row: Jean Tager, Mary Chizik, Abe Fine & Ginger Morrison.



James Siddon & Pat Beard were head chefs for the picnic!

We wish the following staff members a

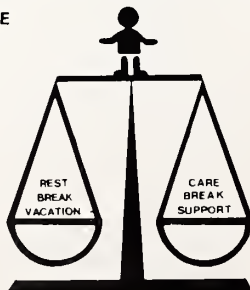
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July 25
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Cook

"Happy 4th of July!"



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Respite Services

The Blumenthal Jewish home announces a service to address the needs of the Jewish and non-Jewish population living in the community. The Respite Service is meant to provide the older adult and his/her primary care-provider, usually a family member, a break from each other. The Home is opening its doors to any older person who would like to live at the Home for a specified period of time, for example, a week or more, while the care-provider takes a break from the caretaking responsibility for pleasure or business. For more information about the Blumenthal Jewish Home's Respite Service, its cost, and other details, contact Ginger Morrison, 919-766-6401.

Springfest, 1981

For the first time in the Home's history, Residents, staff, children from a local pre-school, and guests celebrated the coming of spring with a huge outdoor festival. "Springfest", as it was called, formally greeted the season on May 12. Several hundred people flocked to the patio and garden area of the Home to observe booths, play games, watch exhibitors, buy arts and crafts items, and listen to the afternoon's varied entertainment.



Gladys Petty, Darlene Jones and Linda Clowney, members of the Dietary Department, seem to be enjoying themselves!

Each of the Home's units developed a booth whose sales profits were used for unit activities and purchases. A Wing Residents operated a "Guess Your Weight" and "Guess Your Age" booth. Naturally, not many people were willing to have their weight guessed! Both B-1 and B-2 had variations on the fishing booth concept.

Staff brought articles for display and for sale which were particularly interesting. Ann Merritt, Nursing Assistant on B-1 and her husband, Lewis, manned a table of handmade arts and crafts. Marie Dotie of the Housekeeping Department brought a collection of beautifully designed boxes



Lena Wall (Housekeeping) & Bonnie Ayers (Personnel), who manned the ever-popular helium balloon booth, prepare a balloon for Helen Davis.

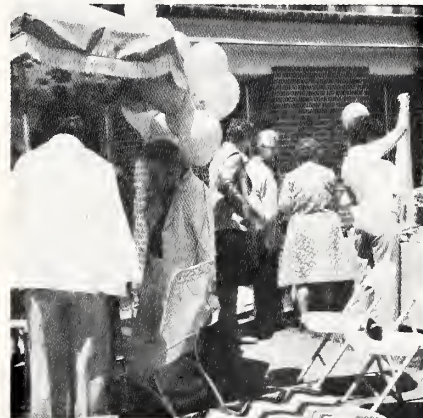
using intricate shell art. Gladys Holcomb displayed a number of beautiful needlecraft articles, while Trudy Speer, Nursing Assistant on B-2 and Becky Haley, Nursing Assistant on A Wing showed their handmade articles, liquid embroidery work and flower designs. Patsy Staley, RN on A Wing, exhibited macrame items. From the Dietary Department, Judy Crews brought several pieces of woodwork, and Judy Petty, Rosa Karppinen, and Helen Bumgardner displayed art and needlework.

Members of the Clemmons Senior Citizens Group came to Springfest and had three tables of art and needlework. Other booths included the Business Office's Raffle and Balloon booth, staffed by Pat Beard, Bonnie Ayers and



Darene Jones & Celia Rabinowitz (Charlotte) with their balloons.

Lena Wall; the "Second Hand Rose" booth, which was manned by Mary Bowen and Pat Robinson; the Craft Shop Exhibit, featuring articles and paintings by the Home's Residents; the Stepping Stones Booth, displaying pictures drawn by the three classes of pre-school children who attended Springfest; a punch and cookie booth provided by the Dietary Department; and the "Roving Photographer" (i.e. Bob Milman), who took snapshots of the Springfest



Members of the Clemmons Senior Citizen Group had several tables of artwork and crafts for sale, including this beautiful crocheted afghan.

participants.

Ginger Morrison was in charge of golf cart rides, and Jimmy Merrell demonstrated the art of horse-shoeing, using two of his well-trained horses for the exhibit. After he got new shoes, Bob (a palomino) and Jan Sawyer treated the children from Stepping Stones to bareback rides within the patio area. Comments ranged from "Can we go faster?" to "WOW!!!" The picture of small children astride a big horse, holding tightly to the mane with one hand and to their helium balloons with the other, brought many smiles to the observers!

Entertainment for the afternoon was coordinated by Rick Rogers. We give special thanks to Phyllis Spence from Kathy's Boutique and her accompanist, Lillie Cavanaugh, for their lively music; to Anne Jackson, from Wake Forest University, for singing and playing



Ida Montezinos helped staff the craft shop booth, which exhibited handicrafts & paintings by residents.

Appalachian ballads on her hammered dulcimer; to Sara Schwartz for her folk songs; and to Rick Rogers and Harold Speer and their group for some rousing country and western singing!

Although not intended to be a money-making afternoon for the Home, Springfest generated approximately \$100.00 in profits which will be used for other program ideas. The huge success of the day, however, was not measured in terms of dollars, but in terms of good will, camaraderie and pleasure that came from involving Residents, staff, children, Clemmons Senior Citizens and other friends of the Home in a common effort.



Anne Jackson, one of the afternoon's entertainers, performs on the hammered dulcimer.

Focus on the Staff

by Helen Bumgardner
Director of Dietetics

RHOMAS PEARL SPELLMAN Evening Cook

In September 1976, Pearl Spellman came "home" to work at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown in a white house on the Lasiter Farm within sight of the mansion. Her father worked 33 years as a farmer for Mr. Lasiter. Her mother began work here as a laundry lady and ended her 15 year career with the Lasiters as their chief cook.



Pearl Spellman

Pearl remembers her early childhood in the mansion as a little girl in pigtails whom Mr. Lasiter called "Sis." She smilingly recalls sliding down the banister of the curved living room staircase, following Mr. Lasiter many times and trying to step in his footprints as he walked over his farm, and watching the farmers at work from her seat atop one of the gateposts that served then as now to mark the main entrance to the Estate. In these serene and pleasant surroundings she grew into a young lady.

At twenty years of age she met and married her husband, Melvin Spellman. Not long after their marriage her husband joined the Air Force and her life underwent a drastic change. For the next 24½ years she travelled the world as an Air Force wife. When you visit her present home in Mocksville you

will find it filled with treasures and mementos from such exotic places as southeast Asia, Thailand, Hawaii, Guam, Germany, China, and the Philippines.

She now shares her home with her 21 year old son, Melvin who is joining the Armed Forces in August of this year, and her year old daughter, Melvia Pearl better known as "Sissy." Her children, church, and work consume most of her time. In her work as a cook, she follows in the footsteps of her mother. She also "mothers" the dietary second shift and many of the second shift nursing personnel.

When asked how she felt about her work, she replied, "I consider every Resident my friend and don't know of any other place that I could work where I would have so many friends."

Welcome Home, Pearl, and we hope that you are home to stay!

Focus ON THE BOARD

MEL ELLSWEIG

An invitation to attend a Board Meeting led to subsequent involvement for this month's featured Board Member, Mel Ellsweig. President of Rapier Mills in High Point, Mel serves as one of the Home's Vice-Presidents and member of the Executive Committee in addition to fulfilling a number of other volunteer responsibilities.

Mel was born and educated in New York City. He received his training at Bernard Baruch School of Business, City College of New York. He and his wife have been North Carolinians for the past sixteen years, becoming valued and involved leaders of the community during this time.

Besides his Board work with the Blumenthal Jewish Home, Mel is a member of the NC Advocacy

ouncil for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled, and is member of the Governor's Council for people with disabilities. During our phone conversation, he mentioned that he had just returned from a White House conference on hiring the handicapped, a philosophy he puts into practice whenever possible in his work.

Other current responsibilities he spoke of were his assistance with the Eastern Music Festival, and his membership in the Rose Society. When quizzed about how he was able to carry such extensive involvements in so many areas, Mel answered that "It's my commitment to give back to society what it's given to me. I've been very fortunate in life, and feel it's my obligation to return some of that good fortune."

Mel and his wife, Evelyn, live in Greensboro. They have three children—Steven, Robert and Karen, and four grandchildren.



Mel Ellsweig



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What's Been Happening?



Marvin Bienstock, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation in Charlotte, presented the first of the Brenner Lecture/Discussion Series talks on May 14. His topic: "The Changing Jewish Community."



♦ Out-to-Dinner on May 19 involved a trip to the Golden Dragon Inn in Winston-Salem for drinks & Chinese cuisine. Among those attending were Josephine Rappaport, Luella Morris, Willie Reynolds, Rick and Mary Rogers, Sara Schwartz, Eleanor Kharasch, Ida Montezinos, Sharon Roeber, Ann Lentz, Abe Fine & Betty Grobstein.

Ida Montezinos (Charlotte) toasts



Residents of the Home enjoyed entertainment provided by 40 kindergarten children from Forsyth Country Day School. Here the children are singing "Au Claire de a Lune" in French while one of their classmates plays the violin. →

Sue Drummond, coordinator of the Senior Citizen program of the Winston-Salem Recreation Department, spoke to residents in one of the last programs especially arranged for Older Americans Month.



Ginger Morrison rode residents in the golf cart during Springfest. Bertha Robbins had no complaints about her driving skills!



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May your name be inscribed in
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IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Rebecca
and Jean Prago.

May their loving memory bring
comfort to their loved ones.

It has become a beautiful
tradition for people to express
their interest in the Home by
making commemorative gifts.
Over the years these generous
donations have greatly en-
riched the quality of life for
the Home's Residents. The
prayers and thanks of our
Residents are expressed for
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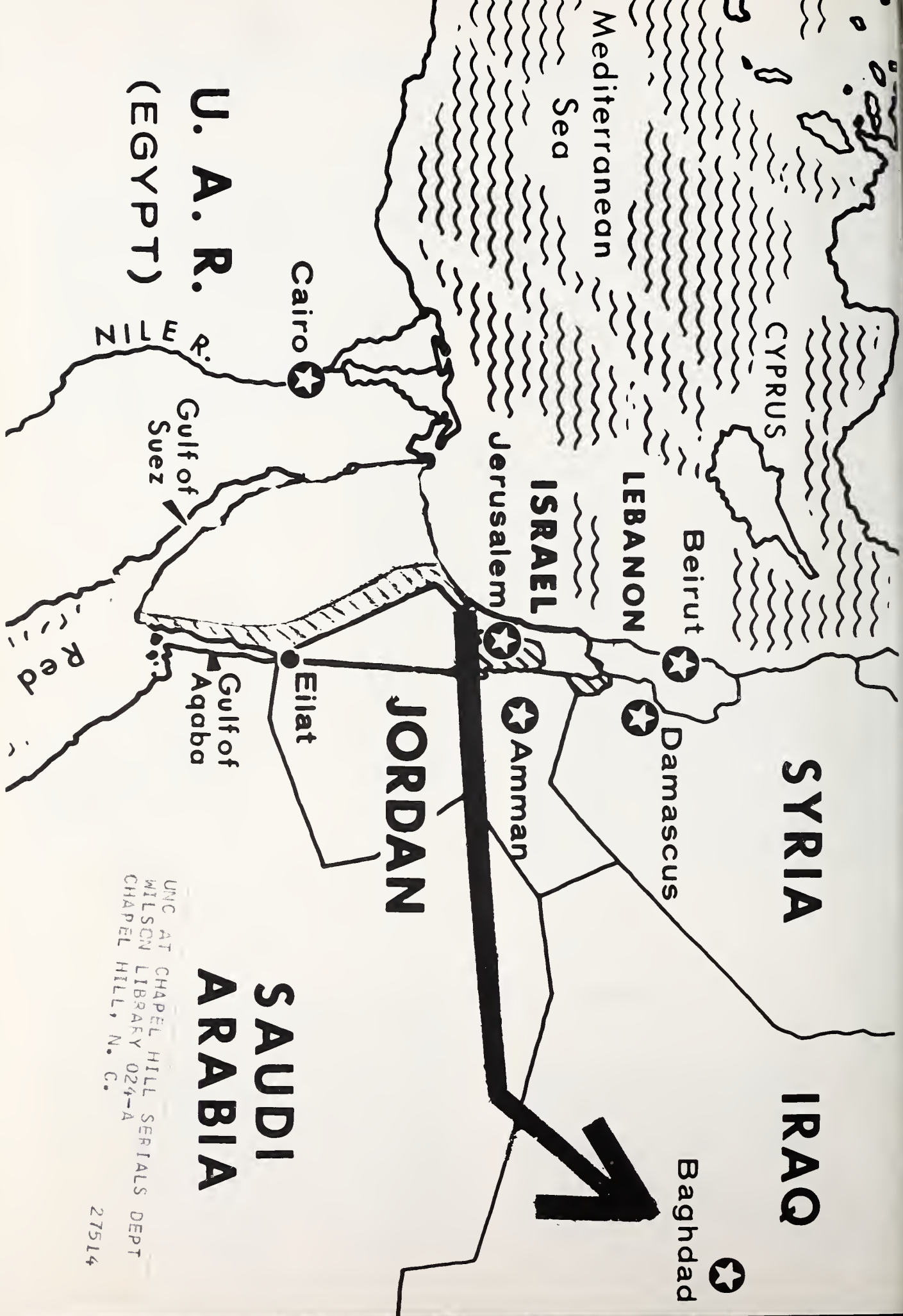
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Editorial

THE CLASH OF NATIONAL INTERESTS

by Maurice A. Weinstein

The U.S. has repeatedly declared that Israel is a strategic ally. President Reagan is truly a dedicated friend of Israel.

Yet, immediately after the Israeli destruction of the Iraq nuclear reactor, the United States (1) condemned Israel, (2) held up delivery of 4 F-16 planes, (3) the State Department sent a report to Congress that Israel may have violated the agreement that warplanes were to be used only for defensive purposes, and (4) the U. S. voted at the Security Council of the United Nations to condemn Israel.

Why this apparent contradiction? It is in the national interest of the United States to be an ally and friend of Israel, and it is also in the national interest of the U. S. to maintain good relations with many of the twenty-two Arab countries. With all of the Arab countries, except Egypt, still in a state of war with Israel and determined to expunge it, the two national interests of the United States frequently clash.

The destruction of the Iraq reactor presented a close and unique question of international law. Under International Law the issue was whether or not the action was defensive or aggressive.

Iraq joined in the battles against Israel in 1948, 1967, and 1973. It is in a state of war with Israel. It is one of the most rabid of Israel's enemies. Iraq's dictator, Saddam Hussein, is callous and irresponsible—in his speeches he always clamors for the destruction of Israel. Iraq, a large oil-producing country, has no need for nuclear facilities for the production of electricity. It is a very backward country, yet claimed that its reactor was for technological research. Israel is a tiny country—nine miles wide at the most important area. One atomic bomb

could substantially destroy Israel. Under all circumstances, Israel was justified in deeming the Iraq reactor was for purposes of production of atomic bombs and a threat to Israel's security. The weight of the evidence is on Israel's side.

Just as there was a clash of two of the national interests, there was a clash of views. Senator Alan Cranston said it was "defensive action by a mortally threatened Israel," while Senator John Glenn deplored the use of "vigilant tactics in dealing with nuclear threats." *The Wall Street Journal* wrote, "We all ought to get together and send the Israelis a vote of thanks," while *The New York Times* said it was "an act of inexcusable and short-sighted aggression."

The U. S. took the middle road between its conflicting national interests. The Administration referred the issue, of whether or not the Israeli action violated the armament sales agreement, to Congress which will let the matter lapse. At the UN, the Arab countries sought harsh sanctions against Israel which the U. S. would have vetoed. The U. S. took the milder route of voting for condemnation.

The attitude of President Reagan was revealed in the press conference when he said that "one has to recognize that Israel had reason in view of the past history of Iraq," and "we can recognize that very possibly in conducting that mission, Israel might have sincerely believed it was a defensive move."

Nevertheless, Israel's image was severely harmed, especially by the media which runs like a herd—they emulate each other. Menachem Begin put it well when he said, "Well, my friends, what can we do? We are an ancient people, we are used to it. We survived, we shall survive."

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Marriage Contract (ketubbah) Watercolor and ink on paper Isfahan, Persia, 1872
The groom Yitzhak, son of Abba, and the bride Shifrah, daughter of Yehezkiel,
were married on Monday, the 14th of Nisan, 5632.

This marriage contract (ketubbah) is an example of the Isfahan type. A wealth of flowers, cypresses, and birds are distributed about the entire document. Aramaic blessings serve as a decorative framework. Persia's national symbols are illustrated in this decoration: the lion, behind which is the rising sun shown as a human face (sometimes shown with a sword in front.) Isfahan is the only community in the Orient to use such symbols.

Courtesy of the Spertus Museum of Judaica in Chicago, Ill.

ABOUT THE BACK COVER

David's Hiding Place on the Dead Sea

Ein Gedi, Israel--*Tourists wade in the pools of Ein Gedi--an oasis on the shore of the Dead Sea. The concealed watering place was used by David in biblical times to hide from the wrath of King Saul.*

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THE IRAQI REACTOR: A DEADLY WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF AN IRRESPONSIBLE RULER PART TWO

Suppliers, etc. of Tammuz 17 Equipment and Services

CERBAG--a consortium set up in August 1976 to coordinate supply of Tammuz 17 project. CERBAG= Centre d'études et recherche Bagdad.

The members of the consortium:

TECHNICATOME--designer of the Tammuz building including both reactors, supervisor of erection, assists in training of Iraqis in France, and is responsible for running in. 40% of CERBAG.

BOUYGUES--civil engineering and construction. BOUYGUES set up its own consortium, BBSF, composed of BOUYGUES OFFSHORE, BOCCARD, SETIP, and FRIEDLANDER to handle 'plumbing installation'. 25% of CERBAG.

SOCIETE GENERALE TECHNIQUES NOUVELLES--planning and erection, including running-in of all 'hot' facilities. SGTN transferred air-conditioning systems to TUNZINI. 20% of CERBAG.

COHSIP--installation of control systems and of electrical systems.

CONSTRUCTIONS NAVALES ET INDUSTRIELLES DE LA MEDITERRANEE--construction of reactor cores and associated systems, metal coating of reactor pools. 5% of CERBAG.

At the beginning of 1978, at the request of the Iraqis, another consortium was set up to control quality in the project. The members are: INSTITUT DE PROTECTION ET DE SURETE NUCLEAIRE--of the French AEC.

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Technical Details

The Tammuz project reactors are an almost identical copy of the Osiris system erected at Saclay in France. The components are: an Osiris 40-70 MW reactor (Tammuz 1), which is used in France for the study of new fuel elements (it is not clear why the Iraqis needed such an advanced system). The reactor core contains MTR (uranium aluminum alloy) fuel with 12 kilos of 93% enriched uranium. The core, with inlets and outlets for cooling water and the mechanism for moving the control rods, is in a 6.5m by 7.5m which is 11m deep from surface. The pool contains sufficient space for a 'blanket' of natural uranium in order to produce plutonium; an Isis 0.8MW reactor (Tammuz 2) which is also fueled by 12 kilos of 93% enriched uranium; a 'hot' workshop which includes two cells for offloading and handling of used fuels from the reactor, connected by water channels to the pools of Tammuz 1 and 2 to permit transport of fuels between the two reactors and the workshop; auxiliary services, offices and test chambers; cooling towers; a LAMA installation for analysis of high energy materials, whether used fuels of nuclear structure materials, including three 'extra-hot' cells of thick concrete and two of lead in which materials of up to 100,000 curie at 1 MEV can be dealt with, and three other hot labs with a total of 11 lead cells (it is not presently clear whether the LAMA installation can handle the cycling of significant quantities of used fuels) a radioactive waste treatment unit of high capacity--up to 2500 cubic meters a year of moderately active material and 2000 cubic meters of low activity material; two structures for storage of radioactive solids and one for radioactive liquids; a lab workshop for preparation of experiments in the reactors.

According to the original timetable, Tammuz 17 was to be complete during 1980. However, both as a result of sabotage of core components and of other work delays, the project is six months behind schedule.

Suppliers, etc. of July 30 Equipment and Services

The main contract was signed with C.N.E.N. and SNIA TECHNIT, the former as consultant and the latter as prime contractor, and with A.M.N. which has a 5% share of the \$50 million project. Within the SNIA TECHNIT family, SNIA VISCOSA was involved in planning and production of some components,

and TECHINT was also involved in planning and is still involved in coordination. Dozens of companies, mostly Italian, are supplying various components. Noteworthy among these are: INCISA, BERGUM, MONTAGGI INDUSTRIALI INTERNAZIONALI and SAIRA--civil engineering.

FOCHI--installation.

AERMARELLI and AERIMPIANTI--ventilation and airconditioning.

ACQUA--mineral free water systems.

SAIMA--transport of component parts to Iraq.

The project includes the following: Technological Hall for Chemical Engineering Research, described as a 'cold' facility for training in cycling of spent fuels on a semi-industrial scale (100-200 kilos of uranium per day), contains most components of a 'hot' facility. Very little would be needed to undertake plutonium separation; Fuel Fabrication Laboratory, a misnomer since this is a semi-industrial plant with the capacity to produce 100 kilos of fuel grade material a day. This facility also allows the option of a MTR production line (to run in this facility, the Iraqis purchased from Italy 6 tons of low grade uranium, 4 tons of natural uranium and 2 tons of 2.7% enriched uranium); Technological Hall for Testing Materials, designed for research in nuclear structure and the effects of corrosion, including thermohydraulic research; Radio Isotopes Production Lab, includes 26 hot cells equipped for extensive production of radioisotopes.

Like Tammuz 17, the July 30 project came to a standstill with the outbreak of the Iraqi-Irano war because the Italians went home.

With the knowhow acquired by Iraq in this project, the Iraqis will be able in a short time to erect with some foreign assistance an installation for plutonium separation.

Effectiveness of Supervision of Iraqi Nuclear Programmes

Some months ago, when the first 12 kilos of enriched uranium was sent from France to Iraq, international press criticism of French governmental policy regarding nuclear exports was answered by French contentions that the project under construction in Iraq would not be utilised for military purposes--for the following reasons:

Iraq had signed the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty.

The French would supervise the Tammuz facility and would prevent the theft of nuclear materials, including enriched uranium.

The IAEA would also supervise the Iraqi reactors.

The Iraqi-Irano War undermined all these contentions: Iraq had indeed signed the NPT, just as it had signed navigation agreements for the Shatt-el-Arab River (a few days before the war, in September 1980, the President of Iraq declared the agreement no longer binding); upon the outbreak of war most of the French experts left Iraq, to be followed by the remainder when the reactor was bombed on September 30--except for a very few technicians whose entry to the project area is subject to Iraqi permission; upon the outbreak of war, the fuel was removed from Tammuz 2, but the Iraqis still refuse to sign documents attesting to the removal procedure; IAEA inspectors did go to Iraq to attest to arrival of the first batch of uranium, but the Iraqis have refused to allow a second visit on the contention that the war is not yet over--and there is every indication that they will continue to refuse when the war ends.

It should be noted that, even if IAEA inspectors are allowed in, it is technically impossible to maintain reliable supervision of the non-use of Tammuz 1 for production of plutonium by placing of a natural uranium blanket around the core. It is also impossible to supervise non-utilisation of the large quantities of uranium purchased from Portugal, Niger and other countries for precisely this purpose.

Furthermore, it is far from clear at this point in time that the July 30 project will be under IAEA supervision, the present intention being to put the Fuel Fabrication Lab under supervision, but to exclude the chemical engineering research facility since it is considered, under the London Treaty, to be a 'cold' facility.

In other words, 'supervision' in the public statements on the subject is, and can be, no more than lip service to the concept.

Iraqi Manpower Potential in the Nuclear Field

The diverting of adequate manpower resources is the key to operation of a nuclear programme as massive as that in Iraq, and this is a point that the Iraqis kept in mind. Over recent years they have sent hundreds for advanced nuclear studies in France, Italy and elsewhere and, in parallel, they have been recruiting foreign experts, especially Arabs, on long-term and short-term contracts.

In addition to those sent to France and Italy specifically for the Tammuz 17 and July 30 projects, Iraqi AEC employees were sent to the COMERINT company in Italy to learn maintenance of machines and instruments, special welding techniques, etc., and scores more were sent to both Western and Eastern Europe for training in pure nuclear research, technological aspects of nuclear engineering and computer sciences.

At the Tuwaitha facility there has been since the 1960's a permanent presence of Soviet advisors in addition to periodic visits of scientists from India, Poland, Britain, Brazil, Italy and elsewhere. There are indications that Palestinian scientists, trained under PLO auspices, are integrated in Iraqi nuclear research. Noteworthy among the recruits of recent years is Yehya el-Meshad, who was murdered during a visit to Paris on behalf of the Iraqi AEC. el-Meshad was an outstanding Egyptian scientist who specialised in planning of reactors and computation of critical points in nuclear explosives. Up to 1975 he was head of the Faculty of Nuclear Engineering in Alexandria University.

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Carolina Character: David Osterneck

by Estelle Hoffman

Ruben Osterneck of Kiev, Russia, fared better than many Russian Jews, and had acquired some education, when the lure of America led him and his wife to journey with their five children on a walk through Germany, whence they embarked for the promised land, arriving in Ellis Island in 1889. His first job was for the Baron Hirsch Estate. After a short time, he went to Mitzpah, New Jersey, where he tried to train Jews to be farmers. Accustomed to growing grain previously, they did not adjust to the soil and environment which was favorable to cultivation of fruits and berries.

The family moved westward to Chicago, where he was employed by Pullman Company as a carver of the interiors of those beautiful Pullman Cars still remembered fondly by those who were fortunate to have enjoyed the luxury of travel by the luxurious railways of early days of this century. His salary was \$18 a week, modest for a man of ideas and ambitions. He advanced to position of foreman, but attracted by the opportunity offered by the Homestead Act, he acquired a farm in Minnesota. There he worked again with farmers, and enjoyed continued progress for three years, when disaster struck the area in a forest fire, which destroyed everything; animals, crops and home. They saved their lives by immersing themselves in the pond till the fire

ended. It was a discouragement he wished to leave behind, and with the proceeds he recovered from the value of the land, he moved his family to Bridgeton, New Jersey where David was born in 1903.

In Bridgeton Ruben Osterneck started a junk business. Through his travels in the area, he succeeded in attracting other Jews to move to Bridgeton and go into business as grocers, butchers, and other forms of retail trade. The young David studied under a rabbi whom his father brought to the town. Ruben paid the rabbi's rent, and other families contributed to his income with payment for teaching their children. The rabbi had a horse and wagon and served as shochet for Jews in the vicinity. Thus was David aware of his Jewish heritage, whose tenets he has honored by observance through his lifetime.

There weren't many Jews in Bridgeton, New Jersey, and because it was important to Ruben Osterneck to increase the prospects of finding Jewish husbands for his daughters, it was decided to move to Philadelphia in 1914.

The ordinary resident in Philadelphia occupied one of the row-houses, the mode of life in the old country, but the dark and dismal interiors did not please the Osternecks. There were grander houses, indeed, but because of their prejudice against Jews, it wasn't possible to buy one from the German

owners. Typical of his refusal to being satisfied with less than he aspired to, the father of this family now consisting of parents and seven children, bought five houses on Parkside Avenue, beginning a new Jewish neighborhood. Were they accepted by neighbors there? The family of the vice president of a shipyard, who were near neighbors, finally became best friends of the Osternecks, and after the death of the wife, the VP practically lived with them, having become a lover of the Osterneck's cuisine as a result of the hospitality over the years.

Arriving in Philadelphia at the age of fourteen, David was in his first year of high school. This was to prove the toughest year of his life, for in Bridgeport he had had no introduction to Algebra, and upon entrance to Central High in Philadelphia, he was plunged into the cold waters of Second Year Algebra, a totally foreign language. With brief assistance of a tutor, he gradually caught up, and became a good student, finally learning all that was offered for his young mind eager for knowledge, until he graduated. He had no need to work during his school years—"I had only fun then."

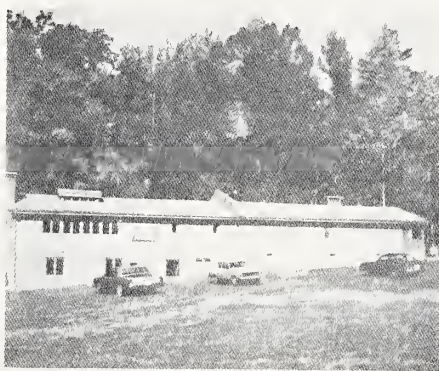
Father Ruben had a junk yard and bag company in Philadelphia, and after his graduation David joined his father and brothers in the business. Subsequently, two brothers died, and the remaining brother and David continued the

business with their father. As all their business connections were moving south, the Osternecks followed. There was a factory they operated in Harrisonburg, Virginia, then they moved eight miles farther to Bridgewater. For a time there was a factory in Wilson, North Carolina, which burned in the mid-1930s. The years until the move to Lumberton, North Carolina, in 1954, where they have remained until the present time, were years of "Rags to Rugs."

David and Gertrude Osterneck were married in the memorable year of 1929. It was a very good year for them, the beginning of their marriage of total devotion to each other, which never wavered through the years. Their three sons, Robert, Guy, and Miles, share the close relationship of the Osterneck family, and although Miles lives in Hawaii with his wife and year-old son, he has visited his parents in Myrtle Beach twice during the year, so that they might enjoy their newest of four grandchildren. The other three are children of Guy and Shirley, who live in Lumberton and operate the family business together with Robert, who lives in Durham. Robert is a sports enthusiast, and considers the time of travel to Lumberton well worth the convenience of proximity to the interests and activities he enjoys in the Tri-City area. Miles has returned to his early love of drama, writing script for television and movies. The recollections of Guy during our interview added to the story of this remarkably gifted and giving family of the Carolinas. All that need be said of the Osterneck sons at this time is that they share the spirit of their parents, and continue in the family tradition.

When those sons were grown, and Robert engaged in a factory enterprise in Harrisonburg, Virginia, with the consent of David and their youngest son, Miles, then in high school, Gertrude decided it was time to join Robert and assist him in her first experience in the business world. Gertrude

loved the Shenandoah Valley. It seemed to her the purest spot on earth, with an atmosphere that restored and exalted the soul. This does not imply that Gertrude's rich soul sought restoration, for her life was in all senses rewarding. In their years of early marriage, Gertrude had wanted just a small business, but the prediction for David in his High School Year Book said, "His name should be Santa Claus," and although this does not seem to suit his Jewish life, his acts of generosity have not been ordinary. His gifts to Gertrude were always suited to her taste, because he could select



Osterneck Cottage is now completed and serving South Carolina's Blind at Rocky Bottom Camp of the Blind.

what she would like, but the sensitivity of his character is noticeable by the occasions on which many of those gifts have been presented, times when she was sad or concerned about an accident of a son or David's hospitalization during the illness he has suffered. A lavish gift in New York during their visit there, after witnessing a St. Patrick's Day Parade, was surpassed by a gift demonstrating his concern for her during a stay of his in the hospital, when he sent her on an "errand" to a jeweler. Such is the proof of true love and thoughtfulness in marriage. After 52 years, Gertrude's appreciation of this rare treasure that is hers has not faded.

The story of Rags To Rugs gives rise to the Osterneck legend. The manufacture of sandbags used burlap, which came from India,

the supplier of this product to the world. From our viewpoint India is a land of mystery, ancient and exotic, a land of wondrous sights and swarms of unbelievably impoverished humanity.

During the years of World War II, the Osterneck Company had produced one million bags a day for the armed forces for use as sandbags. In three shifts, 1100 employees manufactured those bags, making them faster and cheaper than anyone else could. It took a bit of doing to reach Senator Guffey in Philadelphia, but David had an order from the Government for five million bags when he returned home, and sixty days in which to deliver them. Had he not been an expert on machinery, it would have been impossible. Sewing machines had to be altered and girls had to be retrained to use the machines, until one girl could make 8,000 bags a day. Worker exploitation? Not in the Osterneck plant. Girls were taught to relax and their unstrained efforts resulted in their earning \$150 per week, and these workers had never dreamed of earning that much money in a month. Those machines cut, folded, and printed simultaneously. Even so, it was impossible to fill the Government's continued needs, and David Osterneck taught several other businessmen to carry out a similar operation. It was during those years when it became apparent that India was not a dependable source of the material that was essential to him, and the condition continued to deteriorate until he went to see for himself. There he found the sources of production to be strike-torn and intolerable, a small part of the entire picture he saw of India. It was a picture of tragedy, where life has little value, in a nation capable of sustaining only about one-tenth of its population, where people live and die in the streets, hardly noticed. It was appalling to David, and he could never return or communicate further. For a short time he did, through necessity, buy the jute

product from brokers, but all connections were soon severed.

A new, synthetic product was being produced, called polypropyl, a by-product of petroleum. It was produced by Amoco, but they could not sell the material, and David Osterneck started to buy the raw resin. It had to be extruded, heated, melted, and pulled into yarn. Again, his understanding of machinery enabled him to succeed. Using American made machines made by Union Special of Chicago, he altered them to suit his needs. He substituted polypropyl for the jute product, buriap.

David had been visiting Florida since 1921, the year he moved his sister and her husband down there, because his brother-in-law had rheumatic fever, and his doctor had said he should move to Florida, if he wanted to live. Once, in the mid 1930's, en route to Florida, David saw bags at a feed company. He stopped driving, went inside, and came out with an order for 25,000 bags. He went on to Siler City and got more orders for feed bags, then all over the State of North Carolina, and came home with orders for about a million bags. He never reached Florida on that trip. He became the total supplier for Sanford Milling Company, and for years he had demands greater than he could handle. He could sell them cheaper than other manufacturers, but he sold mainly to the small feed companies, with whose owners he liked to sit and talk. Later they came to sit and talk with him.

When, as do all things both good and bad, World War II came to its welcome end, there were other enterprises for the Osternecks. Creating a means of sucking cotton waste off the floors of mills, they found protection for the workers, and that waste was conveyed to trucks and used, but the market fell, and it was no longer possible to continue that endeavor.

The 1960's arrived, and the time to enter the carpet business. The output of Cavalier Bag Company of Lumberton, North Carolina, the

Osterneck business, now consists of 30% carpet backing, 30% bale wrapping, and 30% material for upholsterers. It is still the largest manufacturer of bags in the world. The polypropyl product serves as the main backing of modern carpeting, into which the pile is woven, and as the second backing, which is glued onto the first. This is superior to burlap, so long in use, which becomes malodorous when damp.

When the Osternecks moved to Lumberton in 1954, they found a synagogue and a nice Jewish community in which they became active. David recalls the occasion of I. D. Blumenthal's visit to him in hope of a donation for the realization of his dream of a Jewish home for the aged in North Carolina. "I argued with him at first, but then I. D. said," David recalls, "'God told me this will be an old age home,' and I knew then that he believed that, and I believed it, so I asked him how much he wanted, and he said \$10,000. I said I would give it to him. He was surprised, having expected an argument. He thought I might settle for \$1,000. We were good friends to the end of his life."

The Osternecks were involved in the general community of Lumberton, making a donation of originally \$25,000 and finally \$90,000 to the public library. Its auditorium is named for David and Gertrude Osterneck. The framed picture of the Chagall windows hanging in the Library were donated by the Osternecks, purchased by them in Israel. They "never took vacations," but the UJA took them on a trip to Israel, in gratitude for a \$50,000 donation one year. They were treated with great honor, including presentation of a bouquet of red roses to Gertrude as they rolled out the carpet of the same color for the arrival of the Osternecks.

In the hospital of Lumberton is a furnished room donated by David and Gertrude Osterneck for the new wing. Their endowments are numerous and have undoubtedly influenced the thinking of this

town which was a haven for the Ku Klux Klan when the Osternecks arrived in 1954 and started one of the town's first industries.

In October of 1978 a meeting of the South Carolina Branch of the National Federation of the Blind was held in Easley, where Marvin Ellenburg is a banker, and Chairman of Pickens County Council. Others at that meeting were Dr. William Coffeen, Chairman of Pickens County Recreation Commission, Suzanne Bridges, Executive Director of the Federation Center of the Blind, and NFB of South Carolina President Donald C. Capps with his wife Betty. Two months later Federation officials were notified that Pickens County Council had approved application to operate a year-round camp as a free service to the blind people of South Carolina.

Rocky Bottom Camp of the Blind became a reality, converted from an old 4-H Camp closed more than a decade earlier. A small cottage was renovated, and later the Osternecks provided the means of doubling its size, so that it is now a beautiful facility with more than



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5,000 square feet which accommodates 36 persons. A substantial part of the \$160,000 that went into the realization of this dream was contributed by David and Gertrude Osterneck, so that it is called Osterneck Cottage. For some of those who now enjoy a mountain retreat at Rocky Bottom Camp it is their first visit to the mountains. Offering an opportunity for fellowship and recreation, it attracts blind South Carolinians in all walks of life, including the very young and people of all ages, to the very old. Many individuals and groups interested in Rocky Bottom Camp of the Blind continue to work, gaining support from the general public and the news media, resulting in increasing public awareness of the State's blind population.

It was in Lumberton where Gertrude entered the business, unbidden. Her family duties diminished, she moved naturally into the business of the plant and contributed her talents. "Once I worked through the night and never noticed, until I looked at the clock and realized it was time to open the factory." She laughed in amused remembrance of her total absorption in what she had been doing.

In 1952 they began to go to Myrtle Beach in the summertime. "It was wonderful then," David recalls. "You didn't have to think about traffic or oil spills or people. There was one hotel and a few cottages which the owners rented for the summer. It was much nicer

than Florida." They live permanently now in a four-bedroom house on North Ocean Drive. Across the road is a park, whose land is owned by the City, so that there is no fear of future crowding. When they bought that house a few years ago, they joined Temple Emanu El and paid off its mortgage. The Congregation numbers about forty families and has been served by the Circuit Riding Rabbi of the Southeast District. Although he is almost totally blind, David, now inactive in the family business, still pays emergency calls to the plant. His hearing is excellent, and he can tell by its sound what ails a machine and gives instructions for its repair, as he gave instructions for the alteration of the sewing machines long ago, in order to enable their facile and efficient operation. But most of their time is spent now by David and Gertrude Osterneck in the comfortable, pleasant home from whose windows we looked out onto a large brick patio, beyond which lies a beautifully tended lawn with shrubbery, at whose border lies the unpeopled beach at the edge of the vast ocean.

A huge, burly, braggart in a bar was seeking admiration. He grabbed a large lemon from the Bartender's bowl, and made a bet. "I'll bet anyone here \$500 that I can squeeze this lemon so dry in one hand, that nobody can extract another drop of juice from it!" Nobody took him up on it, until a tiny man walked in, and on hearing the bully repeat his offer, meekly walked up and said, "Excuse me, sir, but if you don't mind, I'll take your bet." There was an uproar from the entire crowd. This promised some unexpected entertainment. Both men laid their money on the table. The bully took the lemon, and staring the little man in the eye, squeezed the juice into all directions. Then he handed the squeezed-out lemon to the little man, the crowd still laughing. The lemon yielded a goodly amount of additional juice when squeezed this time. As the crowd cheered, the bully, now amazed, asked how the feat was performed. The answer was, "Sir, you didn't ask my profession." "What is it?" asked the rough, tough loser. "I work for the United Jewish Appeal," was the answer.

This is a Chelm story, with the flavor of tales of that town. A poor man had a daughter to marry off, but no dowry to give. Kind neighbors offered to lend the father enough money, and allow him five years in which to repay them. The father thought it over, then accepted the offer. He added the stipulation: "If I live for five years, I will repay the portion due each year, but if I die before the time is up, that will be my good luck, and please excuse me from repayment."

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STATESVILLE COMMUNITY NEWS

by Mrs. Ben Katz

The Annual Luncheon sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Congregation Emanuel was more successful than ever, feeding and causing pleasure to almost seven hundred persons of the city of Statesville and environs. The children attending Hebrew classes led a successful Friday evening service, highlighting each child's abilities. Participating were Janet and Robyn Rosenfeld, daughters of Joanne and Larry, Herbie and Judy Ram, son and mother, Jeffrey Geen, son of Zelda and Morton, Dina Fowler, daughter of Gilda and Dale and Michael Lee, son of Betty. Kwellling, the only word that I feel is appropriate, was their teacher, this reporter and Ritual Chairman, Max Lerner of Taylorsville.

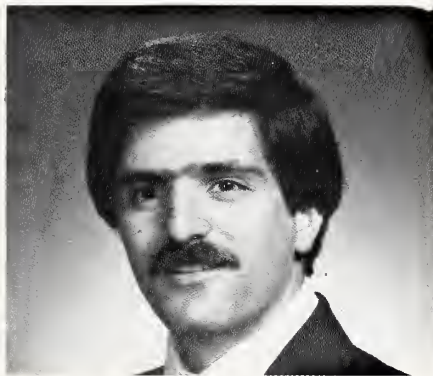
Our congratulations to the following parents and their graduates: Lauren Adler, daughter of Hanna and Howard from the University of Georgia; Jennifer Schneider, daughter of Jacquie Homesley and Albert Schneider; and Laurie Ram, daughter of Cecil and Judy. Also a Mazal Tov to Toby and Kalman Gordon, whose son Louis Jacob was accepted into the New School of Science and Mathematics to open this fall in Durham.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS INCLUDE:

Statesville photographer Karen Goldstein has won an Award of Achievement from the Society of Technical Communication's fourth annual audiovisual competition on May 22. The award is for her Associated Images slide-and-sound show, "A Country Walk".

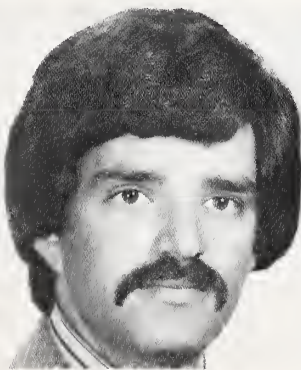
Newcomer Evelyn Rodberg, a professional Hypnotist, held a showing of her sculpture, stained glass and decoupage at the Statesville Arts and Science Museum during the month of June.

Dr. Mark Jay Katz and Dr. Jeffrey David Katz, sons of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Katz, assumed individual positions on July 1st in dentistry and cardiology, respectively.



Dr. Mark Katz

Mark Jay Katz, a May 1981 graduate of the Dental School of UNC-Chapel Hill, began his internship at Charlotte Memorial Hospital's Dental Clinic. As a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, he was honored with an award recently for his excellence in pedodontics. He is a graduate of Statesville High School and was active in a variety of areas.



Dr. Jeffrey Katz

Jeffrey David Katz, a 1968 graduate of Statesville High School and a Morehead Scholar, assumed practice as a cardiologist in Greensboro. He attended the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1976, served his internship-residency at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill,

receiving his accreditation in medicine in 1979, and was a fellow in cardiology for the past two years.

Special congrats to Barbara and Ellis Gordon upon the engagement and coming marriage of their son Mark to Terry Floyd of Athens, Georgia. They tie the knot on August 30th. And special note to Gene and Saul Gordon, parents, and grandmother Faye Lester upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter-granddaughter Charlotte Gordon Margolis at the Judea Reform Temple in Durham. Congratulations to Russell Winthrop, son of Barbara and Warren upon his election as president of the student body of D. Matt Thompson Junior High School.

The last regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of Congregation Emanuel saw the election and installation of the following officers: President, Judy Ram; Vice Presidents, Selma Sussman and Bea Katz; Recording Secretary, Hanna Adler; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Winthrop; and Treasurer, Joyce Lipshitz. Ruth Polk was the installing officer and hostess for the evening's meeting and program was Gene Gordon and Faye Lester.

TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS, CHARLOTTE

The Couples Club enjoyed a Theatre Party on Saturday evening, August 1st, at Pease Auditorium at Central Piedmont Community College, where the performance was the great musical, *Oklahoma*.

Dr. Glenn Pransky, son of Baila and John Pransky, graduated with honors from Tufts University

School of Medicine. Glenn was presented with the Medical Society Award for the student who is outstanding in the art, as well as the science of medicine. He will be serving his internship and residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass.

Robin Beth Oxer, daughter of Muriel and Jerry Oxer, on her graduation from South Mecklenburg High School. Robin was in the National Honor Society and will be attending Chapel Hill in the fall.

David Portnoy, son of Marilyn and Gil Portnoy, on his graduation from Charlotte Country Day, third in his class. David will be going to Wharton School of Finance, at the University of Pennsylvania.

Marci Lee Siegel, daughter of Miriam and Bob Siegel, on her graduation from the University of Georgia. Marci graduated with a degree in Journalism.

Stuart Green, son of Gail and Dr. Edward Green, on his graduation from Charlotte Country Day

School. Stuart will be attending Duke University in the fall.

Debbie Roth, daughter of Marilyn and Morris Roth, on her graduation from East Mecklenburg High School. Debbie will be going to the Fashion Institute in Atlanta.

We point with pride to:

Marcelle Gorelick, daughter of Patty and Bill Gorelick, granddaughter of Elsie and Jack Karro and Annie Gorelick. Marcelle won, for the 4th consecutive year, 'The Top Scholar Award' at Country Day School. This award was given to Marcelle for being the Top Scholar in the 9th grade.

Shira Rocklin, daughter of Marilyn Perlman and Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin, Stephanie Russo, daughter of Bernice and Al Russo and Robin Scharf, daughter of Charlene and Mike Scharf. Shira, Stephanie and Robin were accepted into National Honor Society at McClintock Junior High School.

Eddie Fleishman, son of Faye and Bert Fleishman. Eddie was elected President of the North Carolina Council of AZA. This is a special honor.

Philip Whitehead returned to the seminar this year, and presented "A Theological Response." A past president of the Christian-Jewish Congress, he is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of South Carolina. He stressed the need for communication among people of various religions, and the fact that religion should not be divisive. "A Response from Literature" was given by Dr. Michael Kotzin. He holds a Ph. D. in English Literature from the University of Minnesota, taught at Tel-Aviv University for eleven years, and is now Community Consultant in the Southeastern Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Atlanta. His emphasis was on the importance of the influence of literature in portraying or creating images of man. These images have changed in different ages, and have reflected different views of humanity during different periods in the cultures of the world. Stereotypic images of man in literature have wrought much harm, but positive qualities in the concept of writers may contribute to the solution of problems.

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Chairman of this Institute was Meta Miller of Columbia.

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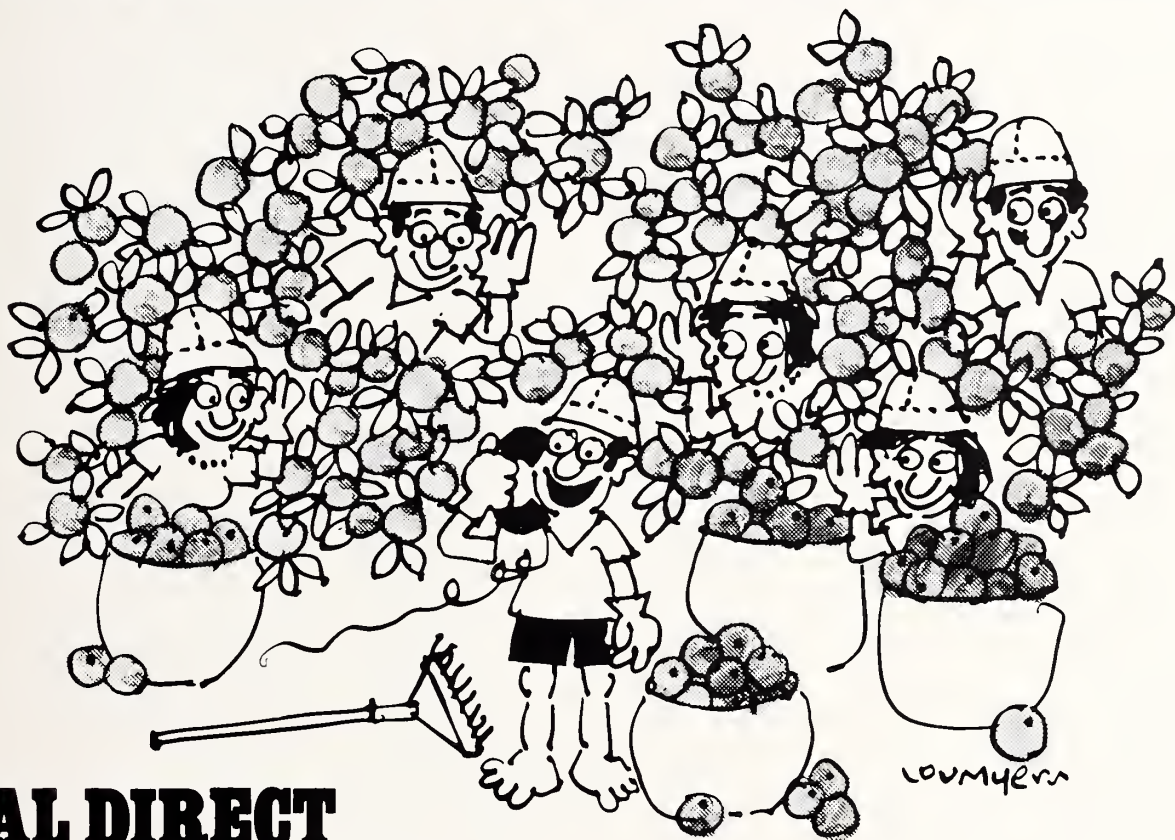
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CHRISTIAN-JEWISH CONGRESS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Christian-Jewish Congress of South Carolina held its second Annual Institute at Wildacres May 29 to 31. The topic for discussion was THREATS TO HUMANESS—Being human in a changing world. Dr. Joan Altekruze, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine spoke on "A Scientific and Ethical Response" to the threats to being human. With a background of twenty years in medicine, serving the field of public health in California, Florida, and Germany, she has a well informed view of the needs and effects of medical science on humanity. The Rev. Dr.

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N.C. Association of Jewish Women

NETWORKING

by Eva K. Gerstel

The North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, through membership and active participation in the activities of two statewide councils, is affiliated with a large network of other North Carolinians who share our basic concerns for the quality of life in our State. We are tied into this network through the State Council for Social Legislation on one hand and the N.C. Council of Women's Organizations on the other. Here, we will briefly explain the functions of these councils and describe the role of the N.C. Association of Jewish Women in their decision making processes.

The State Council for Social Legislation

The State Council was organized in 1921 under the sponsorship of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Its original and continuing purpose was the coordination of the legislative interests of statewide women's organizations in order to prevent duplication of efforts in offering bills and opposing undesirable measures. It is interesting to note that one of the first efforts that year was the active support of a motion picture censorship bill. The bill lost by a few votes due to the organized opposition of the motion picture industry. It should be remembered that this was long before the advent of X-rated movies!

At the present time, the State Council has 25 affiliates and includes not only women's organizations but professional, educational and religious groups open to both men and women. The council is supported by the annual dues of the affiliates and contributions by individuals. Dues are scaled according to the membership size of the affiliate. The council

employs an Executive Director who functions as a lobbyist for the council's program whenever the General Assembly is in session.

Each affiliate is represented on the council by its president, the chairperson of its committee on legislation and two members-at-large designated by the member organization. One of these four persons serves on the council's study committee whose function it is to review the items that will be proposed for support during the next session of the legislature. Program items can be proposed by any of the affiliates, but consensus by all groups is required before any part of the program is adopted by the council. The final selection is made at the State Council's annual meeting where each affiliate is represented by two of its members. The governing board of the State Council is also elected at that meeting.

Although there have been changes in procedures over the years and many governing boards, there has been no change in the State Council's stand and insistence on broadly based social legislation. The total program promoted by the council includes over fifty items. The items that were given priority during the present session of the General Assembly are characteristic of the humanitarian emphasis over the years: Provision of permanent homes for children in foster care; Protection of older adults in group care; Prevention of hunger and malnutrition; Provision of alternatives to imprisonment; Expansion of school health and family life education programs; Expansion of library services; and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

The present status of bills before the legislature that are of interest to the State Council was recently

reported in the Jewish Times Outlook. Further information on the State Council or the status of legislation can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Hamner Ipock, 4723 Brookhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612. Please identify yourself as a member of the N.C. Association of Jewish Women.

The N.C. Council of Women's Organizations

This council has a much shorter history than the State Council described above. Incorporated in 1959, it has over 40 affiliates with a total membership of over 500,000. Its main function is to serve as a clearinghouse for the many activities of women's organizations in the State. The council publishes an annual directory which is probably the most complete

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document of this type. It includes not only considerable information on each of its affiliates but also on most other organizations in North Carolina. Other useful information, such as demographic State and County data, also are usually included. The most recent edition (1980) can be obtained by mailing \$6.50 per copy to the N.C. Council of Women's Organizations, P.O. Box 17712, Raleigh, NC 27619.

The council recognizes the full autonomy of each member organization. Council participation in partisan or political activities is prohibited. It is governed by an executive committee elected at an annual assembly at which each affiliate is represented by two members. The council also sponsors leadership workshops and a Fall Forum. We urge all of our members to attend these meetings. The 1981 Fall Forum will be on **Work and the Family**. Keynote speaker will be Judy Ball, who directs the Work and Family project sponsored by the American Association of University Women. The Fall Forum is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 1981 and will be held from 10 am-4 pm at the Cate Continuing Education Center on the Meredith College campus in Raleigh.



Inside Israel:

A FREE ARAB PRESS IN ISRAEL

by Carl Alpert

Haifa—One of the greatest tributes to Israel democracy is the degree to which a hostile Arab press is permitted to flourish here. To be sure, there is a censorship, applied to Jewish and Arab papers alike, and based on criteria of national security. Even the Hebrew papers sometimes disagree with the censors over what constitutes "security", but except for publication of matters that could do serious harm to the state or to the people, there is freedom of the press.

Three Arab dailies are published here, *Al-Kuds*, *Al-Shaab* and *Al-Fajr*. The latter, the most extremist, openly backs the PLO, and engages in sharp criticism of Israel policies and the Israeli people to an extent which in many other countries would be considered treason and incitement to revolution. In Israel it is permitted in the name of democracy.

Al-Fajr also publishes an English language weekly, presumably intended for foreign journalists, diplomatic personnel and curious

tourists. A review of some recent issues of this paper reveals what can be done to twist journalism. Two basic devices are used. The first may be called concentration. Many of the short news items, copied off police blotters, have already appeared in the Hebrew press. Here they are gathered together en masse, so that the reader gets the impression that the only thing going on under the Israel Government are attacks against innocent children, arrests of law-abiding Arab citizens, and repression of democratic rights. The paper boasts that "each week *Al-Fajr* sorts out the most important news and presents a round-up". The nature of that selection is quickly obvious.

The second device is the misleading presentation of a news item. Thus the story that "Israeli Arabs are denied permission to leave the country to go to Mecca" gives a clear impression. No mention is made of the fact that many, many hundreds of Israelis do go to Mecca, though the Arab states had in recent years placed obstacles in their path. Only by reading further does one learn, in this particular item, that the reference is to only seven Arabs, who were denied the trip for security reasons.

Another story innocently and tersely reports that a 15-year-old Arab boy had been shot by an Israeli military patrol. What preceded, or what the provocation was, are not mentioned.

The atmosphere reflected in the news reports, the headlines and the feature stories is one of stark tyranny directed by a cruel, fascist government against an innocent,

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law-abiding population. The terminology is all pejorative. A random, but representative selection of items will show what is meant.

Thus Israel's economy is described as being based on "the captive economic resources of occupied territories and their subjugated and pacified populations". The Israel educational system is described as "racist"; the Jewish children are "systematically brain-washed with attitudes of racism and intolerance."

When a statement by "liberal" American academics is quoted against the "crippling restrictions" imposed by Israel against Arab schools, no mention is made of the exploitation of the schools and their pupils, under cover of "academic freedom", to mount

campaigns of terror and disorder against the Government and public security.

Al-Fajr, in both Arabic and English, follows the PLO line all the way, and it is little consolation to note that its attacks against King Hussein are no more restrained than its assaults on Israel. Thus the paper features an "expose" of restrictions against "personal and political freedom of expression under the Hashemite regime. Outside jail, progressive Jordanians and Palestinians are subject to intimidation, and inside, to psychological and physical torture."

Who, then are the editors for? They are for Palestinian rights, for Arafat, for the PLO and for Soviet initiative.

The papers have a limited

circulation, and almost no advertisements. Yet in one issue the editors announced that "we are now undergoing an expansion and are looking for energetic, committed and hard-working people" to join the staff. Where does the money come from? The masthead lists one Paul A. Ajlouny as the publisher. He is said to be a wealthy Arab now living in the United States.

Next time anyone talks about Israeli denial of democratic rights to the Arabs, I'll show them copies of *Al-Fajr*, which is freely permitted to circulate and carry on its program of incitement and vilification. We probably have a more liberal and more free Arab press than anywhere in the entire Arab world.

The Majdanek Trial

A PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

by Frank Reiss

Dr. Reiss, a survivor of the Theresienstadt concentration camp, is director of the Anti-Defamation League's European Affairs Department.

Little attention is being paid these days to the events unfolding in a courtroom in the West German city of Dusseldorf. The criminal trial being held there—the longest in German history—started in November, 1975. No wonder that many people have lost interest in the repetitive testimony, arguments, pleadings and rebuttals.

Though the war crimes being discussed were committed more than a generation ago, I have closely followed the progress of the proceedings—or lack of progress—from afar. But then, I have a personal stake in the outcome. The nine defendants are accused of complicity in the calculated, state-organized

murder of 250,000 persons at Majdanek, the Nazi-run death camp deep in the entrails of Poland. One of their victims was Paul Reiss, my father.

According to papers I received from the International Tracing Service, Paul Reiss, born August 13, 1902, was killed in Majdanek on August 13, 1942. His fortieth birthday.

Among all the concentration and death camps, therefore, Majdanek retains special poignancy for me. I rage with every day the trial goes on, so unnerving is the procrastination of justice. And the almost six years of litigation have sharpened my senses to ironies and paradoxes that must surely escape most observers.

For one, were the trial to end today, it would have already lasted longer than the time it took to murder all the victims of the Holocaust.

I cannot help but notice, too, how meticulous the defense attorneys are about procedures

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and affording legal protection to their clients. They rightly point out that under due process, none of the defendants can be convicted of collective guilt, nor guilt by association, not even with an admission of having belonged to the SS in the death camp at the time the mass murders were committed. It is individual guilt that must be proved beyond reasonable doubt—although in view of the passage of time, this is certainly most unreasonable.

Already 20 years have elapsed since the German government started preparations for the trial. It has taken that long for the prosecutors to search out witnesses, battling legal hurdles along the way. Very few witnesses survived, and even among them many have died since the camp was liberated.

The strict adherence to the fine technicalities of civilized law has resulted in the dismissal of seven of the original 16 defendants from the trial. The court, sticking to the

smallest minutia of jurisprudence, seemed that the prosecution lacked the "smoking gun"-type evidence required for further litigation.

In contrast to the immoral, inhumane summary executions perpetrated at Majdanek, those who stand accused of these murders have been allowed to bask terminably in the protective light of due process.

Yet, as cumbersome and painstaking as the process is in a civilized society, the day of verdict is finally in sight. But only after each of the defense attorneys seizes yet another concession of time granted by the court: One week of summation for each of the defendants—nine weeks in which they will attempt to defend the indefensible. At this writing, these are about to conclude.

In a sense, the pleadings have been more shocking and devastating than the gruesome evidence which had been cited earlier during the course of the trial. The perversion of logic and reason by both the defendants and their defenders is so complete that any person who has even the slightest sense of acceptable human conduct must stand aghast in disbelief.

For example, in his summation, the attorney defending the actions of Hermann Hackmann, onetime deputy commandant of Majdanek, tells the court not to forget that the defendants are also suffering since they have lived with—and for the rest of their days will continue to live with—the memory of their misdeeds.

Another defense attorney pleads understanding for those who took the lives of a quarter of a million people. After all, he explains matter-of-factly, the victims often contributed to their own suffering and eventual death by acting irresponsibly, defying authority and lacking discipline.

Yes, contends one of the defense attorneys, children were indeed brutally thrown into trucks which took them to the gas chambers, but that was because their mothers

clung to them and refused to part with them. If the mothers had cooperated, the children would have been led away in orderly fashion.

Still another defense lawyer acknowledges that his client whipped female inmates about the legs until only shreds were left of the stockings they wore as protection against the bitter cold. But, he reminds the court, the women knew it was forbidden to wear stockings.

Justification is given for the brutality with which Hildegard Laechert, a camp guard, unleashed her German Shepherd to fatally maul an inmate. It is suggested—preposterous as it may sound—that the victim brought the punishment on herself by not fending off an SS-man's armorous

advances, although she had rejected Laechert's lesbian overtures.

It is easy to read the reports and transcripts of the Majdanek trial. Which of these people knew my father? Which of them killed him? And as I read, an ultimate irony transcends the past and brings us into the present.

As this trial hobbles to its inevitable conclusion, as accused mass murderers are accorded all the legal protection available under democracy, and even as they acknowledge and seek justification for the atrocities they committed, there are spiritual heirs of Adolf Hitler who continue to deny that the Holocaust ever happened at all.

It would be amusing, were it not so macabre.

Book Reviews

LIVING JEWISH, The Lore and Law of the Practicing Jew, By Michael Asheri, Everest House Publishers, 1133 Ave. of the Americas, N. Y., 10036 406 pp., \$14.95

LIVING JEWISH is exactly that. All of the most important observances of Jewish life are stated very clearly and in a manner to satisfy the need for honest information or simple curiosity. In his preface the author states his intention of teaching, not preaching, to tell

Jews how Jewish they CAN be, not how Jewish they SHOULD be, and to tell others what being Jewish is "all about."

It is a reliable reference book including chapters on different kinds of Jews, the Jewish religion, laws governing everyday life, prayer, and holidays, the State of Israel, and Jewish attitudes towards some matters of great importance. Of great interest, and worth the purchase price are the final fifty pages, which consist of



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five appendices: Suitable Names for Jewish Children; Jewish Calendar 1900 to 2000; Civil Dates of Jewish Holidays, 1975-1999; Commonly Used Blessings in Transliteration; and All About Tcholent. This last is an explanation of the need for Tcholent, followed by the author's own inherited recipe, "a combination of Moroccan and Polish tcholentry and the fruit of thirty years of constant experimenting in search of the perfect Sabbath meal." It has been called "The Noble Tcholent!"

Michael Asheri was born in Chicago in 1924, and has lived in Israel since 1977.

BOOK REVIEW

MR. JACOBSON'S WAR,

by Richard Hammer, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 216 pp, \$10.95

Anyone who has had a beloved grandfather, or anyone whose children have had such a one, or a grandmother, for that matter, needs to read this novel. Without the ploys used by too many of today's writers, Jerry Greif, in relating the story of his grandfather, stirs the soul. It makes one wonder what kind of tales will be told by the grandchildren of our generation. The story was written from one summer's acquaintance of a nine year old boy with his grandfather, during which time the life and character of the man were revealed by the ninety year old man, who had been a fighter all his life. He was a man of tough fiber who could do what had to be done, who recognized by middle age what his values were, and who could not be swayed from them thereafter.

Chaim Jacobson had escaped from the Russian Army of the Czar during World War I, and throughout his long life in America, he never forgot the treatment a Jew could expect in Russia, nor did he fail to appreciate the difference in America. As he was respected by family and friends and loved by

many, the reader must also feel the worth of this person, who is real and well understood in this story, which is just the correct length. This author was a reporter for the New York Times and has written works of non-fiction. It is encouraging to read a work like this one, revealing the depth of feeling evinced repeatedly:

"There is, I think, a special affinity that grows between the very young and the very old, between those at the beginning of life and those nearing its end, when they are thrown together without barriers, without interruptions, for long periods. Perhaps it is that the very young are open and the very old, who have experienced so much and have so much to tell, have lost all other listeners. Perhaps it is, too, that the very young, if they are not subjected to lectures and sage advice, will listen and absorb and remember the tales of adventure, and the very old see in the very young a continuity of life, the possibility, and maybe the only possibility, that their memories, the magic they discovered in living long and doing much, even their own existence, may stretch out beyond their own time."

Estelle Hoffman

MANDARINS, JEWS AND

MISSIONARIES by Michael Pollak—Jewish Publication Society of America, Philadelphia 436 pages \$14.95

This book is an intensively researched report of the Jewish experience in the Chinese Empire, probing into ancient history of China and reports of European travelers in China.

A Jewish community was discovered at Kaifeng in the year 1605 by an Italian Jesuit missionary, and thereafter the community became the object of curiosity and interest of the western world. Those Jews had been living there for untold

centuries, looked exactly like their Chinese neighbors, and spoke and wrote the Chinese language. They observed the Jewish religion, maintained a synagogue, and owned Torah scrolls. Some could read and understand Hebrew.

The community was a prosperous one with rich merchants. In later times the community became poor, materially and spiritually. There was no contact with Jews elsewhere, and Catholic and Protestant organizations of the West tried to exploit and use the Chinese Jews for selfish interests.

This is a history book, and although the exotic subject matter is exciting, the details at times become tiresome, especially because definite knowledge is scant and much of the information was later disproved by the author's honest evaluation of other sources. The reader is well satisfied that a complete study of the Jewish experience in China has been made.

Estelle Hoffman

FOOTLOOSE IN JERUSALEM, Eight Guided Walking Tours. by

Sarah Fox Kaminker—Crown Publishers, Inc., N. Y. 167 pp. Paperback \$4.95

The author, Sarah Fox Kaminker, was born in the United States, is a city planner now working for the City of Jerusalem. She offers eight guided walking tours of the City in this book, emphasizing basic aspects of the City, both historic and modern. Also offered are suggestions of places to buy authentic memorabilia and to find certain kinds of people and culture. The reader will be able to depart from the ordinary sightseeing paths, and with the use of this book, enjoy scenes of unique contrast in Jerusalem, contrasts between old and new, wealth and slum. The book's illustrations are 19th century engravings of the scenes discussed. This is an excellent guide for the tourist in Jerusalem.

THE NEW JEWISH YELLOW PAGES by Mae Shafter Rockland
—SBS Publishing Inc., Englewood, N. J. 288 pp., Paperback \$9.95

The New Jewish Yellow Pages is a directory of Goods, Services, and more. The book is divided into five sections: Creating, Learning, Buying, Playing, and Observing.

The section on Creating deals with Art, Architecture, Synagogue Architecture, Decorations for Synagogue Arks, Window Glass, Calligraphy, Ceramics, Glass, Enamel, Textiles, Metals, together with names and addresses of the people engaged in these activities.

Would you like to be a Jewish-American folk artist? Make your own Hanukah lamp? Make a kuppah? This book will be a great help.

It is really a handy book in which your Jewish fingers can thpatzir to find where you learn, buy, and make Jewish objects.

Reviewed by Leo Hoffman

THE TERRIBLE SECRET

by Walter Lacquer Little, Brown. 262 pp. \$12.95

This book, subtitled *SUPPRESSION OF THE TRUTH ABOUT HITLER'S FINAL SOLUTION*, is a detailed account of Hitler's program to exterminate the Jews of Europe, with information on who knew what was going on, and when it was known. Admitting that reports were horrendous enough to strain credibility, the author has authentic information that is, indeed, convincing. The mystery remains as to why it took so long to do anything about it.

Estelle Hoffman

Gevatron

KIBBUTZ FOLK SINGERS TRAVEL COAST TO COAST

by Janet Mendelsohn

Since the Kibbutz is an exclusively Israeli phenomenon, a company of folk singers, all of whom belong to one Kibbutz—Geva in the Jezreel valley—is doubly unique.

The Gevatron, who recently concluded a coast to coast tour of the U.S.A., represent all that is best and authentic in Israeli folk music. They have ten records to their credit, two of which are golden records, and have twice won the 'Kinor David' (David's harp) for their outstanding music. Yet they retain the genuine sound of Israel's countryside, the longing for Zion and for the land which motivated its pioneers.

The Gevatron, in short, are true representatives of Israel today. Janet Mendelsohn tells their story.

A land bridge between the Euphrates and Nile Rivers, Israel's Valley of Jezreel has served as a battlefield throughout the ages. The plains have echoed the throes of war of the ancient Pharaohs and even the death of King Saul and his son Jonathan on the battlefield of Mount Gilboa, sloping above the valley.

Today, a peaceful green vale in the heart of Israel, the Jezreel Valley reverberates with a different kind of beat. Between the hum of tractors and the calls of migrating birds rings the popular folk music of the Israeli kibbutz singers, Gevatron. A unique group of eighteen Israeli singers, all belong to Kibbutz Geva, a communal agricultural settlement which unites over 500 people by the common ideals of cultivating the land and building a future as a collective group.

Since the earliest founders began to work the difficult land sixty

years ago, their songs have reflected both the hardship and joy of draining swamps and turning the wilderness into fertile land. Today Gevatron successfully intermingles the pioneering songs of their land with Jewish traditional music and the Russian folk tunes of their forefathers. Various styles emerge as a harmonious blend known as Israeli folk.

From Coast to Coast

After thirty years of performing at home and in front of Israeli audiences, the vitality of these "Kibbutzniks" has stormed North America. In a six week concert tour from coast to coast in October and November 1980, Gevatron performed from New York to San Diego spreading their own brand of music.

"I think we succeeded tremendously despite the fact that our repertoire of songs is in Hebrew," says Noah Yadin. "North American audiences responded to us as well as the lifestyles we represent." Every concert included a film of day-to-day life on kibbutz, as well as slides showing the singers at work from the fields and fishponds to the laundry and kindergarten of the kibbutz.

Back home from their strenuous concert tour, the singers returned to their families and friends at home in Kibbutz Geva . . . and they also returned to work. Leading lives far from those of celebrities, the eighteen singers work just as hard as any other member of their agricultural settlement. Perhaps even harder when you consider that rehearsals and concerts are scheduled only after a full work day. Profits go into the communal cash register of the kibbutz rather than into individual pockets.

Messengers

In order to get a composite pic-

ture of the Gevatron, an enterprising interviewer must wander through all the branches of the kibbutz, agriculture, industry and services. Amidst the sizzle of meatballs browning for lunch in the large kitchen, Noah was eager to talk about the recent trip. Excited about the opportunity to perform in America (the first trip for many), only after the first performance did she realize what important messengers they were.

"More important than the quality of our music was our message," she stresses. "We spread songs illustrating our fulfillment of a dream." Jews and Christians were equally touched by this chorale group singing about their beautiful homeland and their communal way of life. Just as the spiritual is best interpreted by a black singer, the Gevatron's songs of struggle for the land of Israel rang true—even in America.

"We weren't really prepared for the enthusiasm with which we were received in many communities," Noah added. "Most of our nights we were hosted by families in the communities in which we performed, and usually half the

evenings were spent answering questions about our lives on kibbutz."

Reviewers praised their fresh sound, and four professors of music in Wichita, Kansas planned a trip to Israel after hearing their concert, "to check the sources of their spontaneous music." With a sound as relaxed and carefree as if they had been singing together all their lives, Gevatron's members, aged 25-54, span several generations. Parents, children, and even two husband and wife teams sing in the group.

No Stars

"We simply love to sing together," says Nira Raz, whose husband has helped to supply material for some of the Gevatron's songs. "Although our members have changed, we have been together for 30 years." Today, at 50, Nira raises plants in Geva's nursery, but she has raised seven of her own children on the kibbutz. And for 25 years she helped take care of other peoples' in one of the children's houses, where Geva's children sleep.

"We have no stars in Gevatron and few exceptional voices," adds

Nira, "but we do have a togetherness that comes through in our songs." Along with their perfect harmony is the love of the land that unites them. In their beautiful rendition of "Emek Sheli" (My Valley) they sing of a love of their valley and their yearning for peace despite the ever-present battle (before 1967, the area was sporadically attacked by the nearby Jordanian forces as well as terrorist cells operating out of Jordan).

"Valley of fire, valley of blood
The melody of war has still to be quieted;

Valley of beauty, my valley
You are dear to me, my valley."

As the song of Deborah the Prophetess once echoed through the Valley of Jezreel, glowing with praises for the Children of Israel and their unity in defeat of the enemy, today the Gevatron lauds the peace and productivity of their valley. With their roots deeply entrenched in the history of the land, perhaps they can best interpret the verdant tranquility of the Israeli countryside in general, and of the Jezreel Valley in particular, to audiences striving to understand both Israeli music and Israeli life.

Tradition In The Kitchen

by Sarah M. Mendlovitz, Ph.D.

Traditionally, the three weeks between the Seventeenth Day of Tammuz (July 19 this year) and Tisha B'av (August 9) are the period when Jews mourn calamities that began in Tammuz and culminated in destruction of the First and Second Temples on the Ninth of Av. Other disasters dated to Tisha B'av include the overthrow of Betar, (the last fortress to hold out against Rome in the Bar Kochba revolt of 135 CE,) the plowing of the Temple area one year later and expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492. Al-

though there is some disagreement as to the degree of mourning during the full three weeks, The Talmud rules that the First to the Ninth of Av are days when joy and celebration should be put aside while on Tisha B'av itself, prohibitions are the same as those for Yom Kippur. Many observant families abstain from meat from the Seventeenth of Tammuz while others only do so beginning the First of Av, when the Temple was under attack and all animal sacrifices ceased. Whatever custom one follows, the Quiche recipe given below is a tasty, nutritious alterna-

tive to traditional milchig dishes.

Spinach or Mushroom Quiche

Pastry:

½ lb. cream cheese or "Neufchatel"
cream cheese (lower calories)
Cream or evaporated skim milk
(lower calories) to moisten
½ lb. margarine or equivalent diet
margarine (cool and firm)
About 2½-3 cups unsifted flour

Make well in flour and add other ingredients. Make paste of center ingredients gradually working in flour to make smooth, cohesive ball. Wrap in foil and chill until firm enough to roll between waxed paper. Roll out to fit two 8-9" pie

ans or Quiche pans. Line crust with foil, fill with uncooked rice or y beans (can be re-used for same purpose). Bake at 425° 8-10 minutes. When cooled, remove foil and store rice or beans in a jar.

Fillings:

Mushroom (For Two Quiches)

1/2 T butter or diet margarine
1 lb. fresh mushrooms, wiped clean, sliced
1 small onion, sliced thinly and separated into rings
1 shallot minced
2 eggs
Salt and pepper to taste
1 T Dijon mustard
1/2 cups heavy cream or evaporated skim milk
6 oz. grated Swiss cheese

Saute mushrooms and onion in margarine until dry but not browned. Beat eggs well and add seasonings. Beat in flour, cream and Swiss cheese, fold in mushroom mixture. Fill Quiche shell and bake at 375° 35-40 minutes until mustard is set and a knife inserted 1" in from crust comes out clean. Serve hot, warm or chilled.

Spinach (For Two Quiches)

1 pkg. frozen chopped spinach
1/2 T butter or margarine
1/3 shallot minced or 1 small onion minced
Salt and pepper to taste
2 eggs
1 T flour
1/2 cups cream or evaporated skim milk
1/4 cup grated Swiss cheese
1/4 t nutmeg

Steam spinach until just defrosted. Drain well. Saute shallot in margarine until soft, add spinach and seasonings to taste. Cook until dry but not brown. Beat eggs well, add flour, cream, Swiss cheese, nutmeg and more salt and pepper if needed. Fold in spinach mixture, pour into prebaked shell, bake 35-40 minutes at 375° as Mushroom recipe.

One cooked pie can be frozen (wrapped tightly in foil) for later use. Remove foil. Rebake frozen for about 30 minutes at 375° or until thoroughly warmed.

Note: While this is in no way a "diet" dish, the following information suggests substantial caloric savings with lower caloric substitutions.* No one has ever noted the difference but you might want to season a little more generously.

1/2 lb. cream cheese=854 calories

1/2 lb. Neufchatel cream cheese=416 calories

1 T butter=100 calories

1 T diet margarine=50 calories

1 cup heavy cream=838 calories

1 cup evaporated skimmed milk=176 calories

*Calories and Carbohydrates by Barbara Kraus, Signet paperback, 1971

AWACS

Senator Daniel P. Moynihan today pledged to filibuster in the U.S. Senate against the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia.

He went on to say, the Reagan Administration is "the most sympathetic" to Israel of any Administration "in recent memory."

Referring to the Lebanese crisis, Sen. Moynihan said that the new emplacement of Syrian missiles is a "direct and immediate threat to the viability of Israel." The missiles have been moved into the "air space of the Israeli air force," he asserted.

The Senator added that the Lebanese missile crisis "did not come from Israel. It came from the deliberate forward movement of Soviet arms through a Soviet client state."

The Syrian missile move, Sen. Moynihan said, is harmful to the interests not only of Israel but to those of Egypt, the U.S. and "all democratic societies."

The crisis arose in the first place, he asserted, as a "test of the new Administration by the Soviets. I have worked in the Administrations of four Presidents and have seen the Soviets test a new Administration time and time again."

"We must not give one inch, we must not reward aggression," he declared.

Israel, the Senator said, is the only obstacle that stands in the path of Soviet encirclement of the Persian Gulf area—from Afghanistan to Ethiopia.

"Except for Israel, the Russians have effectively surrounded the Persian Gulf," he said.

As serious as are the threats to Israeli security from the proposed AWACS sale and the Syrian missile crisis, he went on, there is a threat "more enduring, more dangerous, because it is less perceived."

"It is the attempt to delegitimize Israel in the United Nations," he said.

The Senator said that anti-Israeli actions taken by UNESCO and the U.N.'s General Assembly are rooted in "totalitarian power based on the big lie."

There are twenty-six members who are Jewish in the United States House of Representatives. They are:

Anthony Beilenson (D-Calif.)
Martin Frost (D-Texas)
Bobbi Fiedler (R-Calif.)
Barney Frank (D—Mass.)
Samuel Gejdenson (D-Conn.)
Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.)
Dan Glickman (D-Kan.)
Bill Gradison (R-Ohio)
S. William Green (R-N.Y.)
Ken Kramer (R-Colo.)
Tom Lantos (D-Calif.)
William Lehman (D-Fla.)
Elliott Levitas (D-Ga.)
Marc Marks (R-Pa.)
Richard Ottinger (D-N.Y.)
Frederick Richmond (D-N.Y.)
Benjamin Rosenthal (D-N.Y.)
James E. Scheuer (D-N.Y.)
Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.)
Bob Shamansky (D-Ohio)
Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.)
Henry Waxman (D-Calif.)
Theodore Weiss (D-N.Y.)
Howard Wolpe (D-Mich.)
Ron Wyden (D-Ore.)
Sidney Yates (D-Ill.)



KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

By Don McEvoy

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: STILL A DREAM?

The dream of Religious Liberty was the spark that ignited the bold experiment in democracy in this nation. The overpowering desire to find a haven where one was free to worship, or not to worship, as one chose prodded oppressed people of the Old World to brave treacherous seas, face untold hardships and begin life anew in a strange land.

They did not always grant to others, however, the same precious rights they demanded for themselves. Threads of religious intolerance were woven into the fabric of America since the earliest colonial days. The Puritans proved to be as intolerant of the beliefs of others as were the countries from which they came. Witch burnings, punishments for desecrating the Lord's Day, religious tests of office and discrimination against minorities have been a part of our unfolding history. Nonetheless, the framers of the Constitution envisioned a different kind of nation.

The First Amendment to the Constitution is what makes the concept of religious freedom different in American than elsewhere. The two great concepts enunciated there are the "establishment" clause and the "free exercise" clause.

Debate and court tests continue around the meaning of each of these great principles, but I want to comment particularly

about the free exercise segment.

Nearly every country in the world claims to assure the right of religious freedom. That is, freedom to believe what you want to believe. Even the countries of the Communist bloc boast that they have "religious freedom." But the claim is hollow if not coupled with the freedom to act. In America, the First Amendment makes all the difference.

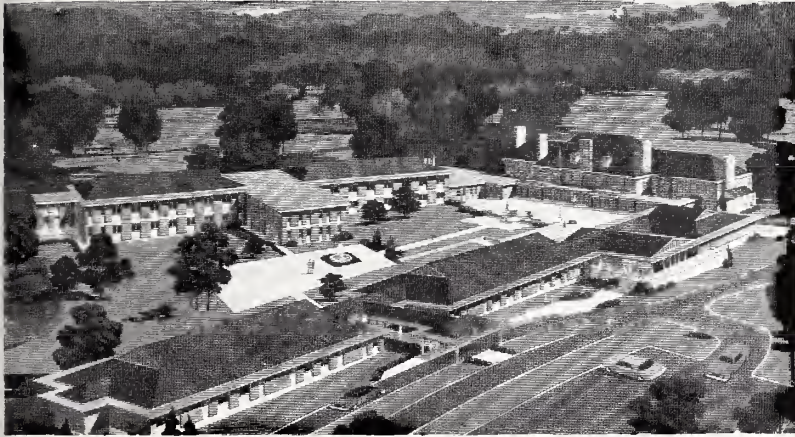
For too many Americans, however, the free exercise granted in the Constitution remains an unfulfilled promise. Those who "march to the beat of a different drummer" pay a heavy price. In actual practice, you have freedom as long as you are in the mainstream. If your beliefs are different, you may only practice them when they do not conflict with the majority. Or do not cause inconvenience to the majority. Many Catholics, Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, Muslims, Seventh-day Adventists and adherents of the "new" religions face social, educational and employment discrimination because of their faith and practice. I'll provide details in ensuing columns.

For now, just remember: "Religious liberty in a nation is only as real as the liberty of its least popular religious minority."

(Don McEvoy is Senior Vice President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The opinions expressed are his own.)

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AUGUST 1981

A FOND FAREWELL FOR ELBERT AND FAY

Over 100 people came to honor Elbert E. Levy and his charming wife, Fay, on the evening of July 7. After 17 years of devoted and committed service to the elderly, this evening was set aside to pay homage to the man who has given so much to the furtherance of services for the elderly of North Carolina and, more specifically, the Jewish community.

The evening began with a lovely reception in the Sosnik Lounge, where all of Elbert's friends and colleagues were able to meet and partake of the beautifully prepared hors d'oeuvres and bar. Ms. Lillian Libison, who has worked with Mr. Levy almost from the day he started working at the Home, served as hostess. Mr. Tony DiBianca, the husband of Mr. Levy's former secretary, Edna, added greatly to the festive atmosphere with a rich variety of melodies on his accordion.

Among those present were Elbert's sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Goodhart of Miami Beach.

Three of his four sons were there with their spouses. His fourth son is a Lt. Cmdr. in the U.S. Navy, and is stationed on the West Coast. A great many of the Home's Board of Governors were in attendance with their spouses and guests, including Mel Ellsweig's son Steve, who



Elbert & Fay with their grandson, Jeffrey

brought Polly Wellons, who did her Dietary internship at the Home. Out-of-town guests included Sidney Lundy of Philadelphia, who has supplied kosher provisions to

the Home since it began; Dr. Matt Miller and his wife Edna. (Dr. Miller organized the Home's optometry program and served the Home voluntarily for many years.) Gordon and Margaret Poole were there; he is the past Chief of the Nursing Section of the N.C. Board of Health. Ms. Mabel Horton, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Steve Neal, Eli Atwell from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Gordon Spaugh from W.A. Wilkinson and Son Insurance Company were also in attendance. Many of Mr. Levy's colleagues from other nursing care facilities came to honor him, including representatives from Pellcare, The Triad United Methodist Home (Arbor Acres), N.C. Baptist Homes, N.C. Lutheran Homes, The Methodist Home in Durham, the Methodist Retirement Complex in Charlotte, the Moravian Home, the United Church Retirement Home and the National Association of Jewish Homes for the Aged.

A beautiful array of delicacies was presented by the Dietary department under the supervision of Helen Bumgardner, the Home's Dietician. The buffet table was highlighted by several fresh melon baskets, intricately carved by Judy Crews, the Assistant Dietician. A Toast was given by Rev. Jules Spach, the Administrator from Arbor Acres. Dr. Spach received training for his administrator's license under the preceptorship of Elbert Levy. Al. Mendlovitz, the Home's Executive Director,



Jimmy Merrell toasts the guest of honor while a room full of people enjoy the good food and humor that accompanied the occasion.

introduced all those present. Rabbi Arnold Task, President of the Greater Carolina Association of Rabbis and spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, led the group in reciting the birkot hamazon, the prayer after the meal. Rabbi Task brought greetings from Israel, where he had been for the past several weeks.

Robert Milman, the Home's Assistant Director, read letters of congratulations to Elbert Levy from those who could not attend. One was a telegram from David Crowley, of the American Association of Homes for the Aged (AAHA). Mr. Cyril Jacobs, President of the Board of Governors, reflected on the very positive experience that the Community has had as a result of El Levy's professional tenure here.



The most pertinent question of the evening, "How did you put up with him for sixteen years??" was asked by Elbert's brother-in-law from Florida.

Rev. Harvey Johnson, Executive Director of the Moravian Home and President of the North Carolina Association of Non-Profit Homes, was introduced as Roastmaster. The rest of the evening was a combination of toasting and roasting. Mr. Larry Strunk, the Executive Vice-President of the United Church Retirement Homes, presented Elbert with a Certificate of verification that he is a lifetime Emeritus of the American College of Nursing Home Administrators (ACNHA). Mr. Frank Bullock, Vice-President of the N.C. Association of Non-Profit Homes presented Elbert with a Certificate of Recognition.

Mr. Ira Robbins, Executive Vice-President of the Beth Shalom Home of Virginia, brought greetings as a member of the Board of



Elbert Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Jacobs at the reception.

Trustees of AAHA, and read proclamation from the National Association of Jewish Homes for the Aged, resolving that Elbert Levy be formally congratulated and recognized for his outstanding leadership and service to the elderly. He brought down the house as he recounted many hilarious episodes which may (or may not) have taken place in the course of Elbert Levy's long career. A scrapbook recording Mr. Levy's career, prepared by the administrative staff, with Fay Levy's assistance, was presented to him as a memento of the evening.



Tony DiBianca provided the music.

Mr. Levy responded to the gathering, expressing his warmth and appreciation to everyone who had participated in making this evening so special for him and Fay. The evening culminated in the presentation of a gift of a CB Radio Base Station from all of those present, given by Jim Merrell, the Home's Maintenance Engineer. Mrs. Eugenie Jacobs, wife of the President of the Board of Governors, gave a gold heart to Fay as a memento of the occasion, commenting that "while El was the head of the Home for so many years, Fay was the heart."

The many expressions of appreciation given, in both serious and humorous veins were proof positive of the contribution that Elbert Levy has made to the elderly in our community.

Focus on a Resident:

WILLIE REYNOLDS

by Rick Rogers, R.T.

Most anyone who has been to the Jewish Home will probably remember Willie Reynolds. His western hat, cigar puffing and friendly "Hello, honey!" or "Hi, honey!" are his trademarks.

He was born William Neal Reynolds on July 8, 1910 in Patrick County, Virginia, on a 333 acre farm, the son of Hardin and Annie Reynolds and nephew of R.J. Reynolds, the tobacco magnate.

He proudly states that he is a "ridgerunner" from the mountains of Virginia.

Willie came to the Jewish Home in 1967 from Southern Pines, NC. While here, he has become an integral part of the Home. He is often seen in the craft shop, either visiting or doing work, at which he is very proficient.



Currently he is finishing a small table. When alone, Willie enjoys watching baseball, wrestling and other sports on the television as well as playing solitaire. Otherwise he likes to spend time with a close friend, playing cards and drinking coffee in the coffee shop. The Men's Club is one of his favorite past times and he has narrated tours of Reynolda Gardens and Reynolds Tobacco Company buildings on several of the club's outings.

His light-hearted sense of humor brightens the Home's atmosphere and sparks spontaneous laughter among residents and staff. His colorful style makes him a popular figure at the Home.

BIENSTOCK CONCLUDES SERIES

by Al. A. Mendlovitz

The Morris A. Brenner Lecture Series got off to a very special start. The first three lectures were provided by Mr. Marvin Bienstock, Executive Director of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, who gave one lecture per month for three months running. He began the series by describing the many issues and problems facing the Jewish communities of the United States in his first lecture. In the second lecture, he gave his view of the issues facing the North Carolina Jewish Community. In the third lecture, given on July 2, 1981, he spoke at length on the future of the Jewish Community. At this final session, he gave his analysis of the Jewish Community and kept the group spellbound with a series of predictions. He suggested that by the year 2020 A.D. the following situations will take place:

1. There will be a smaller Israel geographically than we have in 1981. This, he indicated, would be the result of a limited nuclear war where the Western nations would

have to be present to protect Israel.

2. There will be a split in the Conservative Jewish movement in the U.S., with an orthodox community and what he called a — "reformative" segment of the population. Poles would be more clearly defined and there would be a shaking down of some of the ambiguities in the philosophy and daily religious practices of the American Jewish Community.

3. The Jewish population will be one-third to one-half smaller than the one existing, due to a declining birthrate and assimilation. Between these two factors, a high percentage of the Jewish Community will disappear. However, in the remaining group, the synagogue will have a central position, and it is likely that the Rabbis will play a vital role in leadership positions within the framework of the Jewish Community's power structure.

4. There will be a pressure for Jewish families to have lots of children to replace the diminishing numbers. Perpetuating Judaism will have a high demand as a philosophical ideal.

5. Converts will become a

significant source of Jewish commitment and will be a moving force in the small but strong Community that will exist. These "voluntary" Jews will turn out to be more learned and dedicated than the large segment of those who were born to the Jewish Community.

6. Overall, the Jewish Community in N.C. will be four to five times the size that it is now, through the growth of industry and retirement-seeking individuals who will move here. This enlarged population may have as much as 25% 60 years and older. Mr. Bienstock further stated that this population will be affluent, with a high percentage being college educated, articulate and very interested and involved in the Community at large.

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Since the Israeli elections took place within forty-eight hours prior to his presentation, he predicted that Prime Minister Begin would form a coalition party, but that it probably would not last beyond sixty to ninety days.

VARIETY SHOW A SMASH!!

Although not yet a serious threat to Ted Mack and his *Amateur Hour*, the residents and staff of the Home put on a lively hour of entertainment the afternoon of June 25!

Frances Yokley (Winston-Salem) opened the show with her solo, "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain." Next Margie Kastrinsky of the office staff sang "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" and "Someone To Watch Over Me." Abe Fine (Charlotte) read the humorously woeful poem about "Sleeping At The Foot Of The Bed," while Sara Schwartz and Sharon Roever of the Recreation staff performed a slapstick comedy routine.

Foot-tapping harmonica playing was Elsie Robertson's specialty. A new talent on the boards was

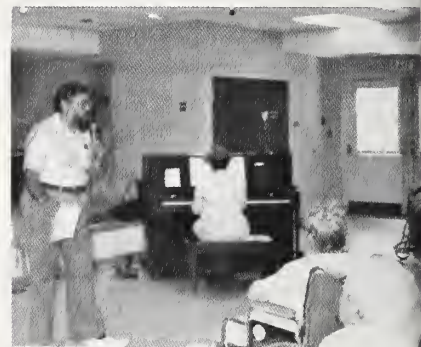


Abe Fine in his nightcap tells of the tragedy of "Sleeping At The Foot Of The Bed."

Hunter Johnson (Winston-Salem), who sang several hymns in his rich baritone. The BJH Chorus performed "All I Do Is Dream Of You" and "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," and Charlie Saltzburg (Charlotte) soloed on "Sunrise, Sunset."

Alice Fruh, (Greensboro), read her original essay "An Early

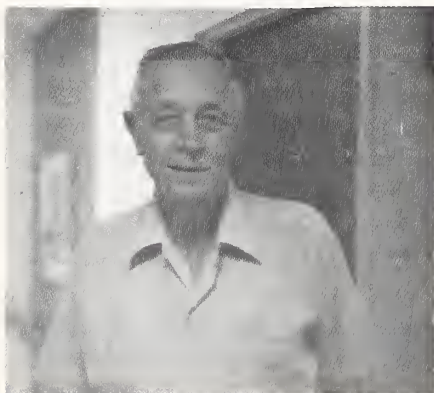
Morning Walk in the Countryside" (published in the April issue *Times/Outlook*). The Grand Finale for the afternoon was Sharon Roever's performance of "Happy Birthday" in the style of Wagnerian heroine. Liberace for the show was Jan Sawyer, and Master of Ceremonies was Al Mendlovitz. To quote the local society column, "A fine time was had by all!"



MC for the occasion was Al Mendlovitz.

Focus on the Staff:

JOSEPH SMITH



Joseph Smith, Housekeeping

On August 29, Joe will celebrate his 70th birthday. A landmark occasion, to be sure! Born in 1911 in Davie County, he settled there and raised his family — four girls and one boy. (Donald Smith, his son, works at the Home part-time as a night security officer.)

Before "retiring" the first time,

Joe was a dairy farmer. Until his first heart attack in 1966, he had a herd of 60 Holstein cows that he raised and milked. He had seen the dairy business go from hand-milking to parlor milking, and had watched as old methods of farming gave way to more modern techniques.

After having to sell his cows, Joe bought a greenhouse and went into the plant business. "I enjoyed seeing something grow," he said. Open heart surgery in 1975 led to a time of recuperation and then to a new job—working part-time in a feed mill.

For the last six months, he has worked at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Residents and staff alike appreciate his cheerfulness, his optimism, and his wide smile. He spoke highly of his job on B-2 and of the residents and staff with whom he works. He also mentioned the significance of his position.

"I'm lucky to have this job. Usually an elderly person doesn't have a chance to have a job. I think older people should be able to

work if they want to. You'll sure do it if you just sit down and do nothing."

Happy Birthday, Joe! You're an inspiration to many of us!

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PLEASE TELL ME . . .

by Grace Chaplin,
Admissions Coordinator

I like my plants. May I keep them when I move in?

Certainly. Plants not only make room more cheerful, but they provide activity and interest for the residents. You will find many other residents who have plants—you may want to exchange plants with other residents.

Can I move out of the Home once I move in?

Of course. Some residents find they do not care for this type of living. The health of others is so improved that they can go back to the community. And some residents come here on a temporary basis only, either through the Respite program or because family circumstances require a short term placement. We want to be available when you want us and need us.

I like my breakfast in bed; can I have it that way?

We find that the Home policy of having everyone up and dressed and in the dining room for meals leads to a more healthy outlook. However, if a resident is physically unable to be in the dining room, then meals will be served in their room.

Must I always wear a tie to meals?

No, indeed. Our only request is that residents be dressed in street clothes—clean, neat and tidy. Some men are comfortable if they wear a tie all the time. The key is for you to be as comfortable as possible.

Can I have privacy when my wife comes to visit me?

The Home respects the rights of all residents. We have rooms in the Mansion for the use of families when they come to visit. These rooms are available to any family or

friend when they are visiting residents. Reserve the rooms in advance, since there are limited facilities available.

Q. I like to snack at night. Can I keep food in my room?

A. Cookies and crackers are kept in tins, and fruit may be kept in the rooms. The staff has refrigeration available—there is no reason to be hungry at any time.

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST

AUGUST 3

Residents/Staff invited to the Winston-Salem Red Sox Baseball Game. Leave at 6:30

AUGUST 11

10:00 am. Residents leave for meeting/lunch with Clemmons Senior Citizen Group.

AUGUST 14

2:30 pm. Trip to the Bowling Alley!

AUGUST 17

3:00 pm. Residents Council, in the Living Room.

AUGUST 18

10:30 am. Out to Lunch.

AUGUST 19

Birthday parties on each Wing. Families and friends invited.

AUGUST 20

7:00 pm in the Living Room. Brenner Lecture/Discussion Series. Mrs. Selva Setty presents "The Culture and Dance of India," Families and friends invited.

AUGUST 24

12:00 noon. Visit by the "Chai" group from Charlotte.

AUGUST 30

3:00 pm in the Living Room. Brenner Concert: The Spectrum Singers." Family and friends invited.

Executive Director Attends National Meeting

Each year during the Memorial Day period the administrators from the National Association of Jewish Homes for the Aged (NAJHA) have been meeting at the Annual Conference of Jewish Communal Workers. The meeting this year in New York State was attended by twelve hundred Jewish communal workers from all phases of the Jewish community, including Jewish educators, community center workers, clinicians, synagogue administrator, service organizations and vocational service. The one hundred Homes represented in NAJHA has a series of sessions which were very stimulating.

The first session reviewed the difficult problem of educating the non-Jewish staff to serve the Jewish elderly, and the difficulties in bridging the cultural gap so as to provide a living situation where things are done "Jewishly." This very polished presentation was given by the staff of the Jewish Home in Riverdale, New York.

A representative from the Reagan administration came to discuss the forth-coming plans for the White House Conference on Aging scheduled for this November. Those who attended were struck by the fact that the Reagan administration appeared to want to cancel the conference, but since so much has been done in preparation, it would be very difficult for the new administration to eliminate it. We were also made aware that most of the professional staff which worked on it under the Carter administration have left the project and new personnel were starting over again.

Another sessions of the NAJHA meeting focused on the "Case Management" concept. This approach smacks of Big

Brotherism. Essentially, it comes down to having a government agency screening all those entering long term care facilities, with the alternative of home care being thoroughly investigated. Although we have strongly subscribed to the idea of the elderly remaining in their homes as long as possible, having a government agency make the decision appears to me to be reaching beyond the realm of where the government ought to be.

The business session of the Conference each year includes an annual election. Among those elected to leadership positions was Al. Mendlovitz, who will serve a three year term on the Association's Board of Directors.

The Administration and Residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home want to extend a warm welcome to these new employees:

MIRVIN SCROGGS, RN on B-2
DONALD SMITH, Night Watchman
JERRY PEEPLES, Orderly on B-2
JOHN PORTER, Dietary Aide
G. RANDAL REAVIS, Orderly on B-1
DEARDRIA JOHNSON, Nursing Assistant on B-2

BOOK REVIEW

by Al. A. Mendlovitz

CARING FOR YOUR AGED PARENTS

by Earl A. and Sharon H. Grollman

We are very encouraged that bookstores have more and more literature available along the nature of this month's featured book. **Caring for Your Aged Parents**, published in 1978, is one of a series recognizing the fact that with the increase in longevity due to the success of medical technology, this new art is needed. Dealing with one's folks is not something one can go to school to learn, nor can it just come naturally; it is a complex task that most people must be blessed with to be able to perform. As bright and sophisticated as one might be, we

find that there is rarely one right answer and rarely can we see all the alternatives in our role as adults dealing with our aged parents. This volume, prepared by Earl and Sharon Grollman, uses an interesting format that looks like poetry, but is, in fact, really a very simple prose with a direct conversational tone through which useful information is conveyed quickly and succinctly. The problem that I had with the book is that while it opens many doors, it is, although the content provides the same philosophy of understanding and support to which I am committed, the material is oversimplified and does not really even scratch the surface of the issues it address. It really does not get to the "heart of the thing."

When acquaintances come to me and ask me for a good book to read on this subject, there are two standards to which I refer them: I would like to take this opportunity to pass on the names of these two books which many feel are very helpful:

1. **The Other Generation Gap: The Middle-Aged and Their Aging Parents**, by Stephen Z. Cohen and Bruce M. Gans (By far the best of the lot) and

2. **You and Your Aging Parents**, by Barbara Silverstone and Helen K. Hyman.

These are the two laymen's guides which I recommend highly.

BEVERLY MOORE, Nursing Assistant on B-2
KATIE GREGORY, Housekeeping
JAMES REECE, Dietary Aide
RANDAL WOODSFORD, Dietary Aide
EVELYN JONES, Nursing Assistant
AARON ROBERTSON, Orderly on A Wing

We wish the following staff members a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 2
JUDY HOWELL, LPN on B-2
BRUCE BRYANT, Orderly on B-2

August 4
RANDAL WOODSFORD, Dietary Department

August 6
RENEE GRIFFITH, Nursing Assistant on B-2

August 7
VERTIE BOGER, Housekeeping Department

August 9
LINDA CLOWNEY, Dietary Department

August 10
EVELYN JONES, Nursing Assistant on B-1

August 15
MARGARET CASSEL, RN on B-1

August 18
MARY ANN BRICOLO, Nursing Assistant on B-1

August 19
AL. MENDLOVITZ, Executive Director

August 25
DONALD SMITH, Nightwatchman

August 26
JEAN MOORE, RN on B-2

August 27
LOUISE DICKINSON, Bookkeeper

August 29
JOSEPH SMITH, Housekeeping Department

August 31
ELLEN HUGHES, Nursing Assistant on B-2

What's Been Happening?



Louis Goldstein, David Levy and Elaine Colprit, members of the Wake Forest University Piano Trio, delighted residents during the June 7th Brenner Concert.



The weekend of July 4th was celebrated by a homemade ice cream social, hosted by B-1. Enjoying the party are Sol and Stella Levin from Greensboro & their guest, Dick Swift.



Elaine Williams, a teacher for Forsyth Technical Institute, leads the class in "Contemporary Issues" on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Picnics!! B-2's picnic the evening of June 16 was a smashing success! Mr. Frances Yokley and Mrs. Madeline Martinat, both of Winston-Salem, enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers.

Joan Durham, Unit Manager on B-1, chats with Mary Cothran and Freida Strelitz during B-1's picnic on June 23.

Meanwhile, Helen Bumgardner, Director of Dietetics, mans the grill!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life with Health and Happiness:

Fannie Rachman
Margaret Woodall
Josephine Rappaport
Betty Deckelbaum
Sol Levin
Betty Grobstein
Rose Kent
Eleanor Kharasch
Crescentia Sauer

The list of Residents having Birthdays in July was inadvertently transposed with the August Birthdays. We would like to wish a very happy belated Birthday to the July Residents:

Sarah Pecker
Ida Polashuk
Edwards Timmermann
Evelyn Small
Anna White
Hassie Wade
Velva Yokley
Ida Montezinos
Edwin Williamson
Freda Stern
Annie Kaufman

WELCOME

May you enjoy a long, happy and healthy life:

Lillian Greenberg, High Point, N.C.
Lillie Drezner, High Point, N.C.
Aaron Galloway, High Point, N.C.
Helen Galloway, High Point, N.C.
Emilie Froehlich, Raleigh, N.C.
Sadie Schafer, Raleigh, N.C.
Elo Maron, Greensboro, N.C.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of Myrtle Sink and Rae Rossman. May their loving memory bring comfort to their loved ones.

It has become a beautiful tradition for people to express their interest in the Home by making commemorative gifts. Over the years these generous donations have greatly enriched the quality of life for the Home's Residents. The prayers and thanks of our Residents are expressed for the contributions made to the Home from June 5, 1981, to July 5, 1981.

IN MEMORY OF:

MR. MONROE APFELBAUM
By: Celia and Saul Mandel
Mrs. Abe Slutsky
FERD BRASLOU
By: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shavitz
MR. MAX CHUSED
By: Mr. and Mrs. Morris Heilig
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leder
Mr. and Mrs. William Schwartz
JENNIE COHEN
By: Edythe K. Davidson
MRS. ANNA DATNOFF
By: Jack and Jimmie Cohen
Seymour and Anne Solomon

MR. LOUIS ELDEN

By: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Silverstein
Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Yudel

MR. BERNARD FEIKEN

By: Sara G. Schreiber
SISTER OF ANNIE GOLDBERG
By: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bober
BROTHER OF MANNY GOLDFARB
By: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bober
RICHARD HEXTER
By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hexter
THE FATHER OF MRS. BERNARD HOCHBERG

By: Ellen and Ellis Berlin

HANNAH KIRSHNER

By: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benson
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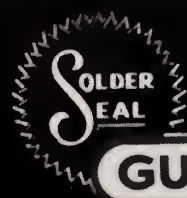
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